

THE ADVENTURES OF
KID LUCKY

BASED ON THE CHARACTERS OF MORRIS



STATUE SQUAW



EUROPE
COMICS



WANTED



HURRICANE LISETTE

Nothing scares her, except a bar of soap and playing with dolls.

WANTED



LITTLE CACTUS

Proud ecologist ahead of his time.
His motto: The best things in life are free.

WANTED



BILLY BAD

His ambition: become the greatest outlaw in the West. He just might do it.

WANTED



JOANNIE MOSLON

As snobbish as a tenderfoot and as jealous as a wolverine, truly a model young lady!

WANTED



KID LUCKY

A future Western legend. When it comes to spankings, he runs faster than his shadow.

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PAQUITO

He's got a sombrero, but he's not somber. In fact, he's just the opposite, caramba!

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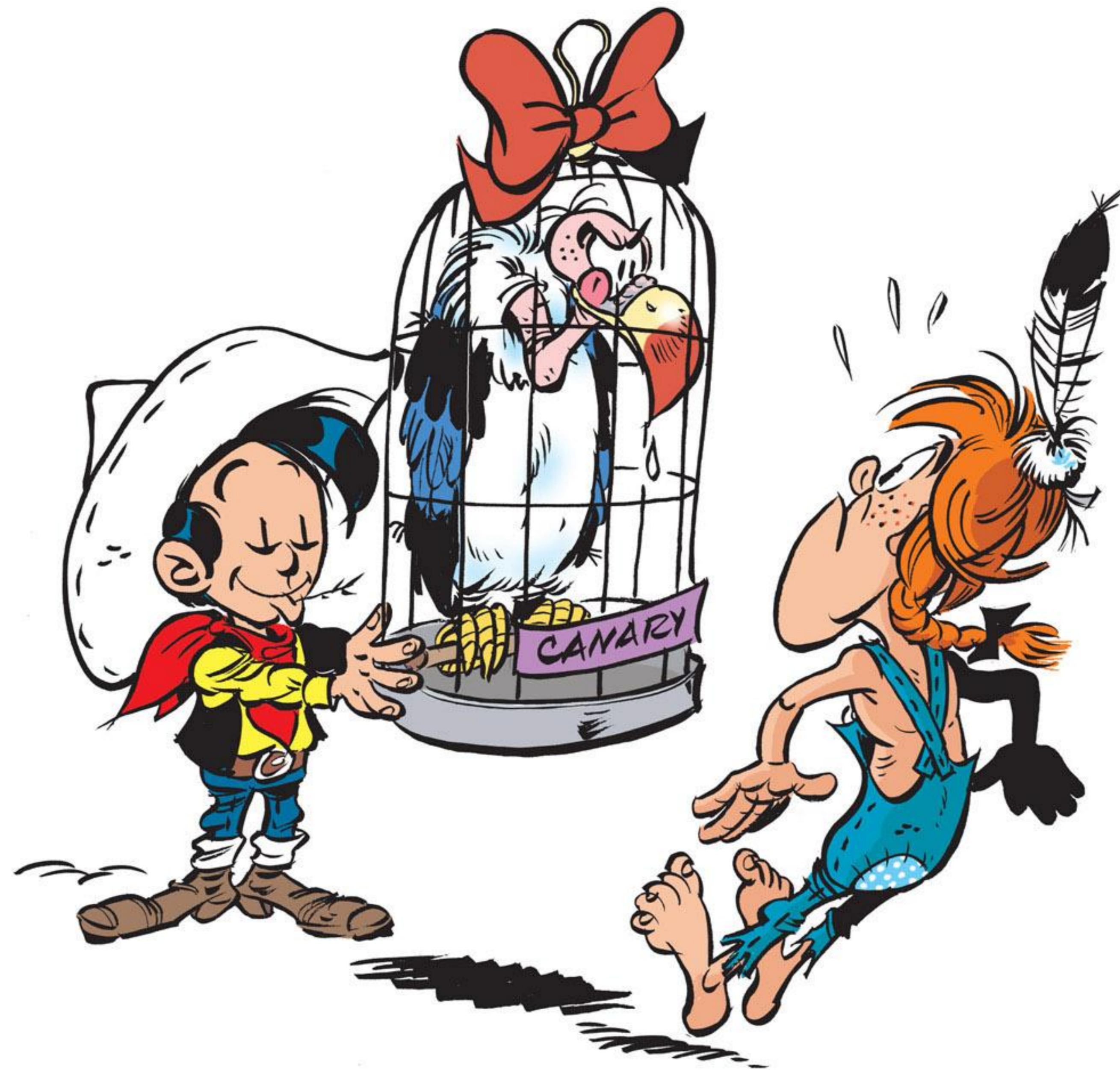


DOPEY

As alert as a grizzly in the winter, and as faithful as a mule!

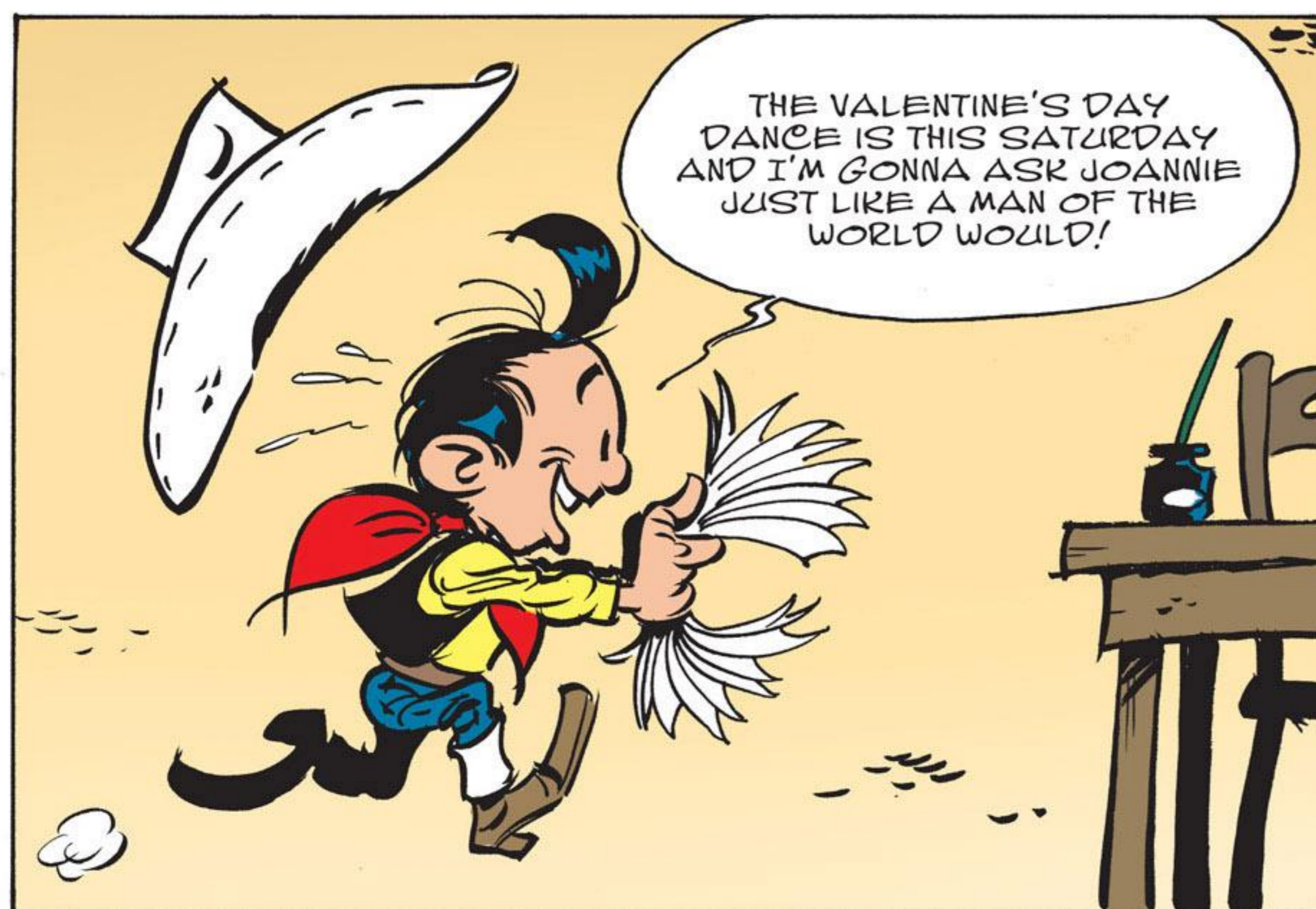
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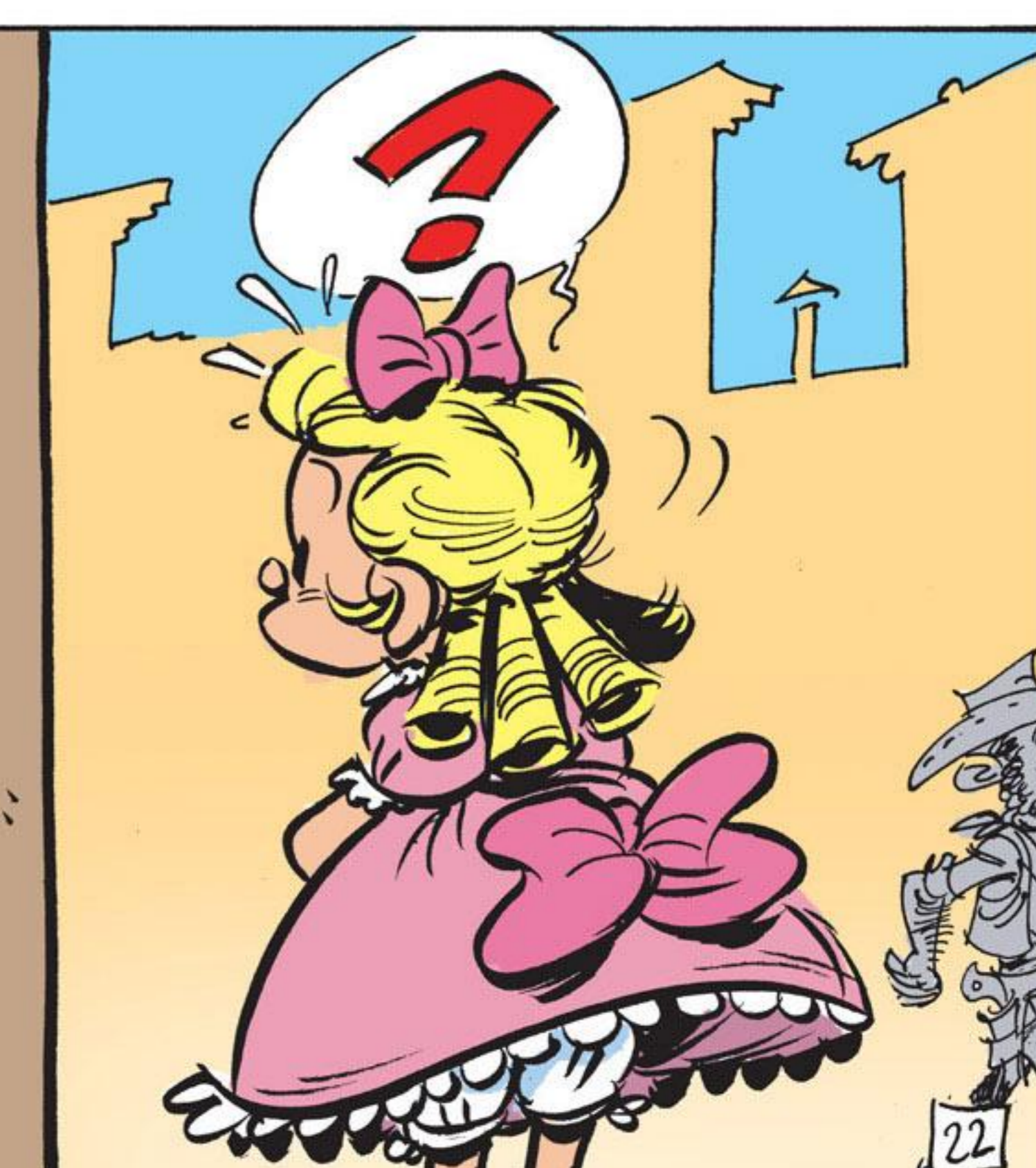
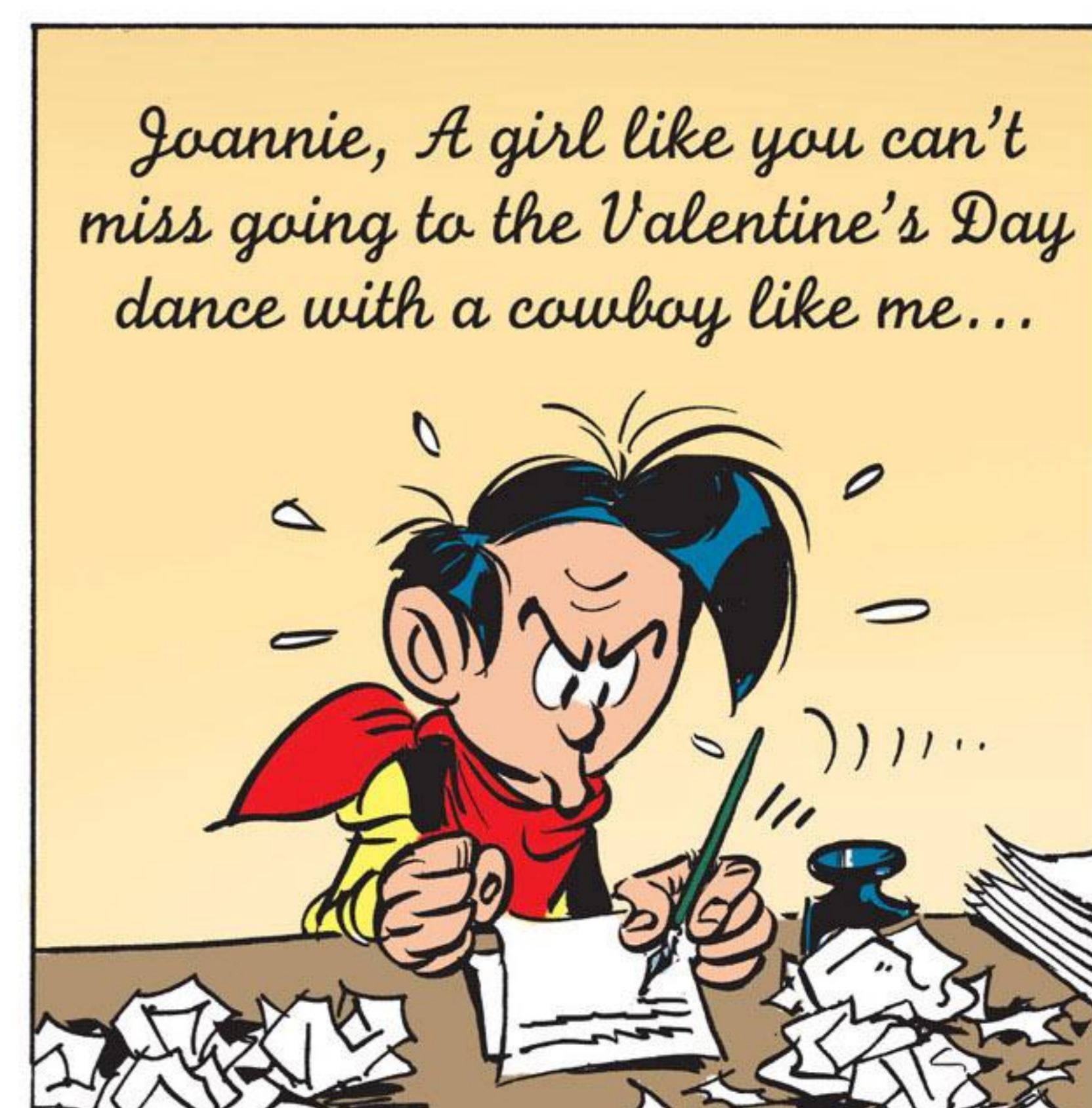
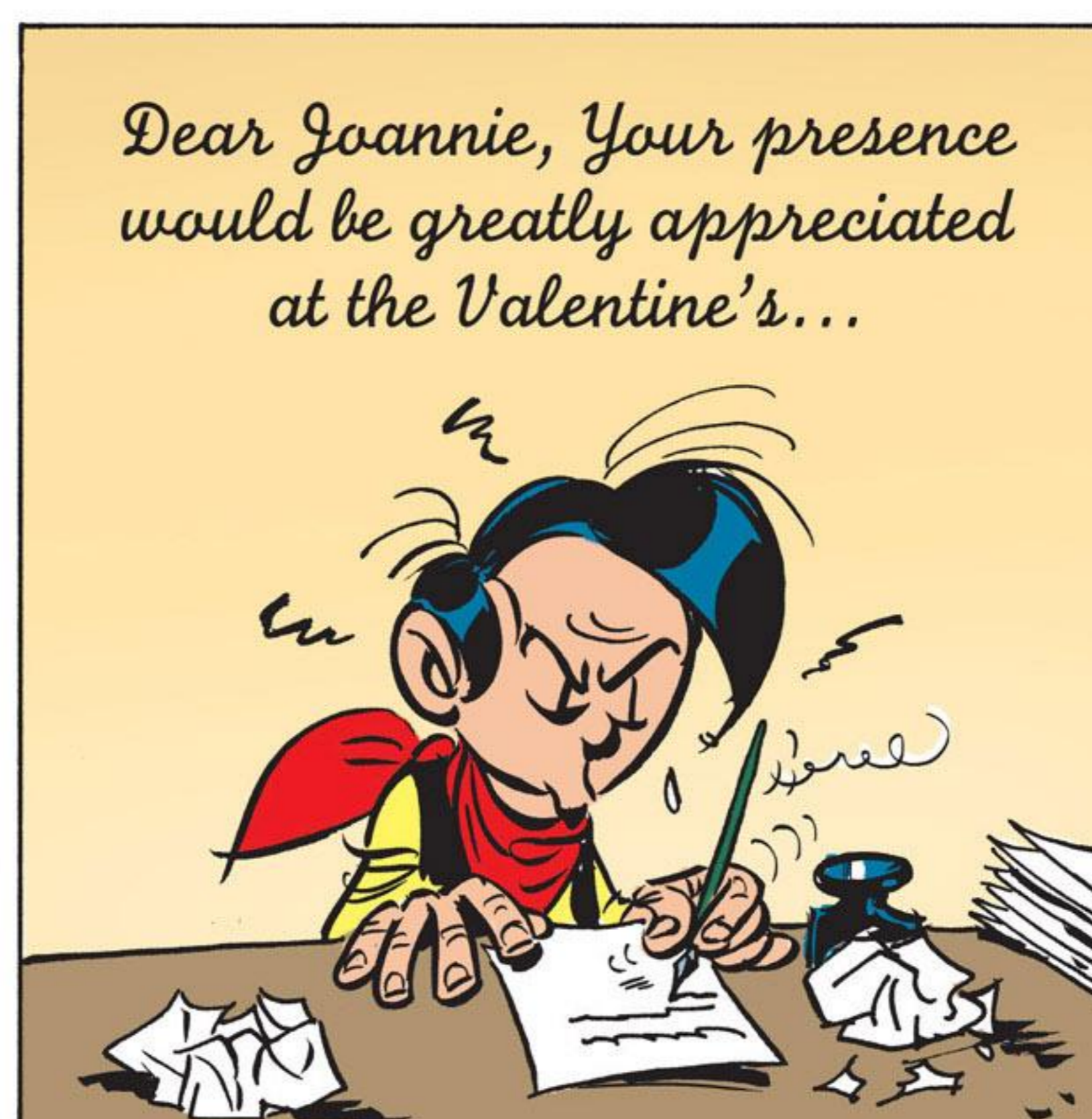
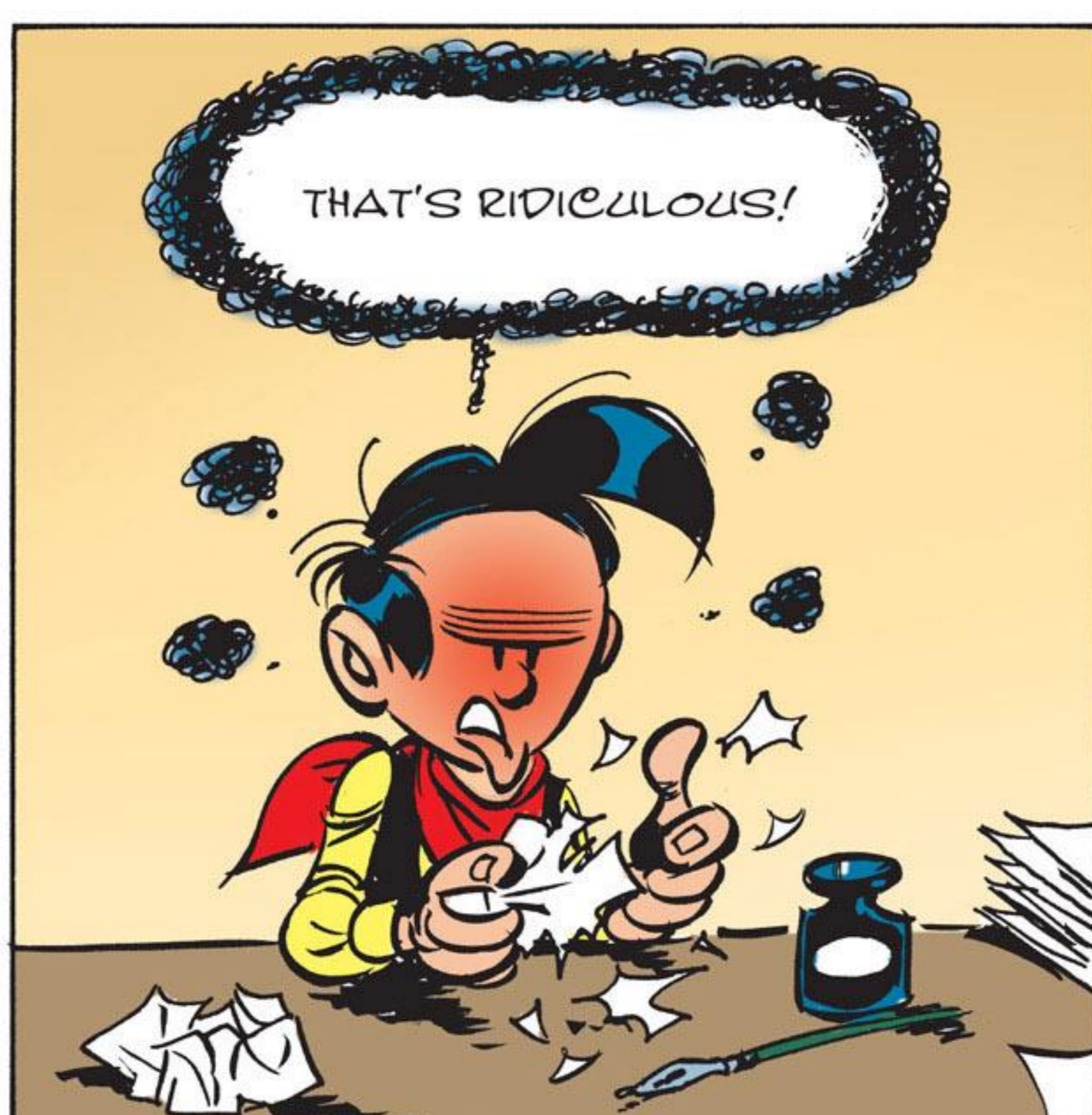
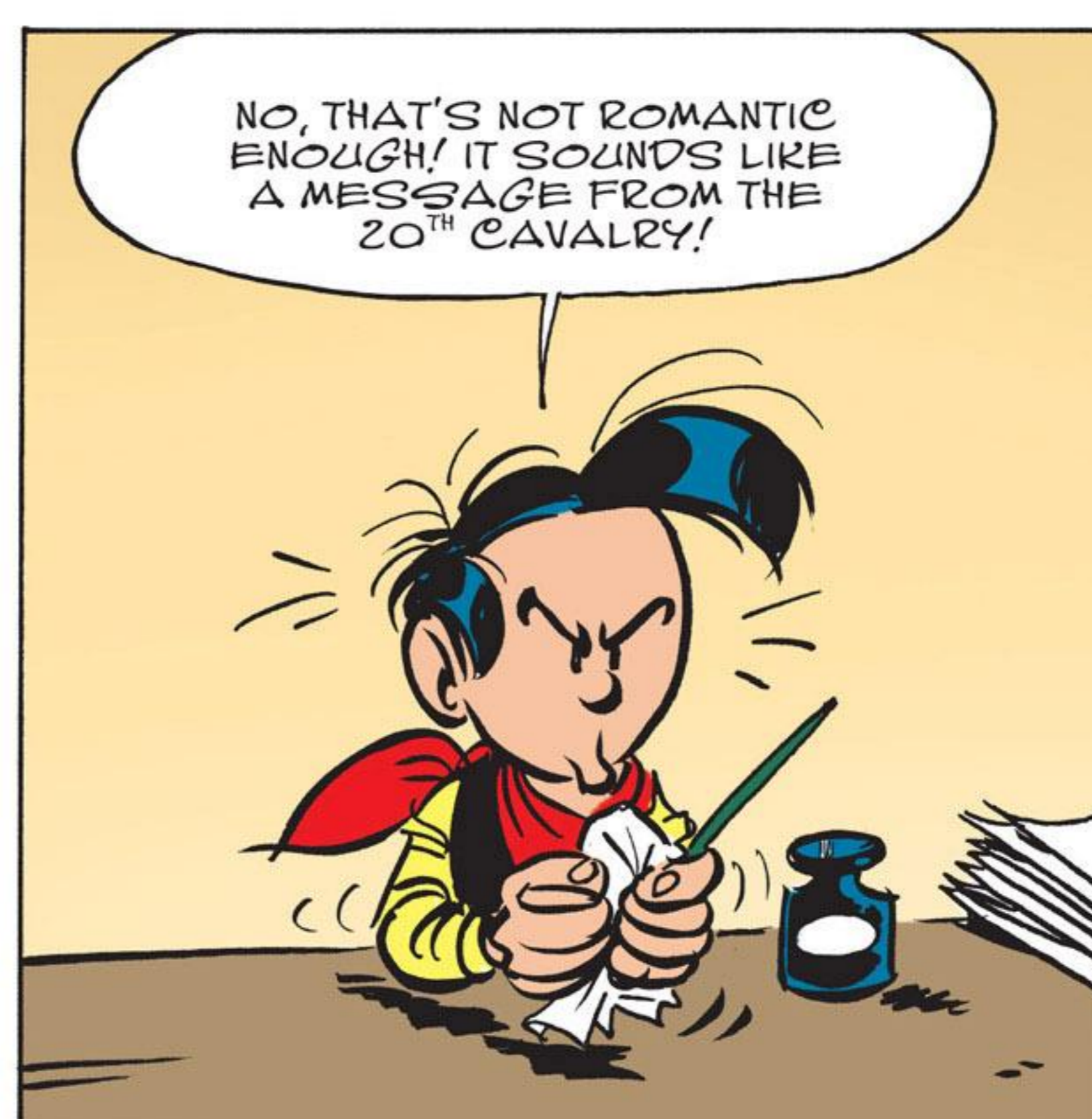


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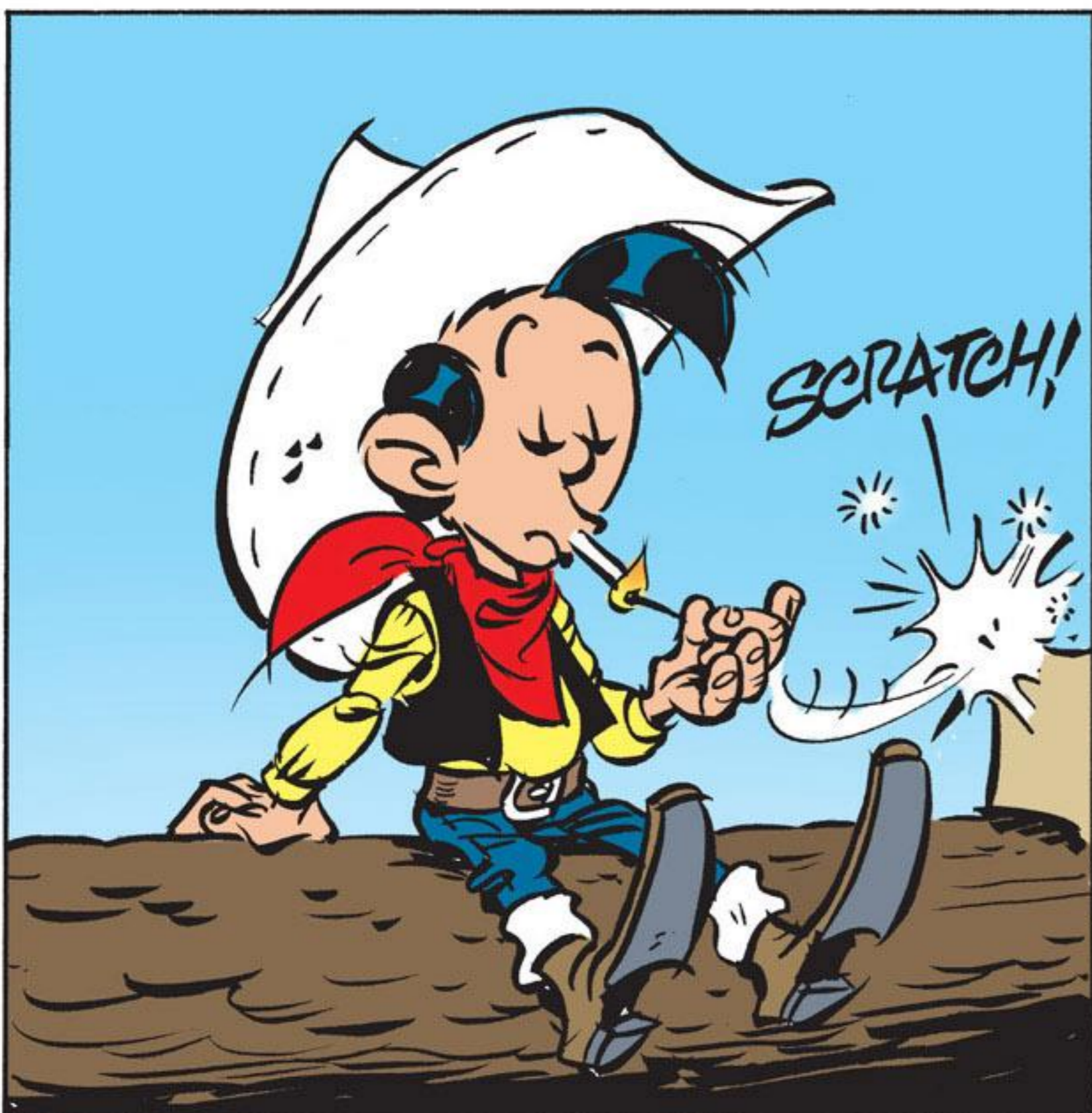
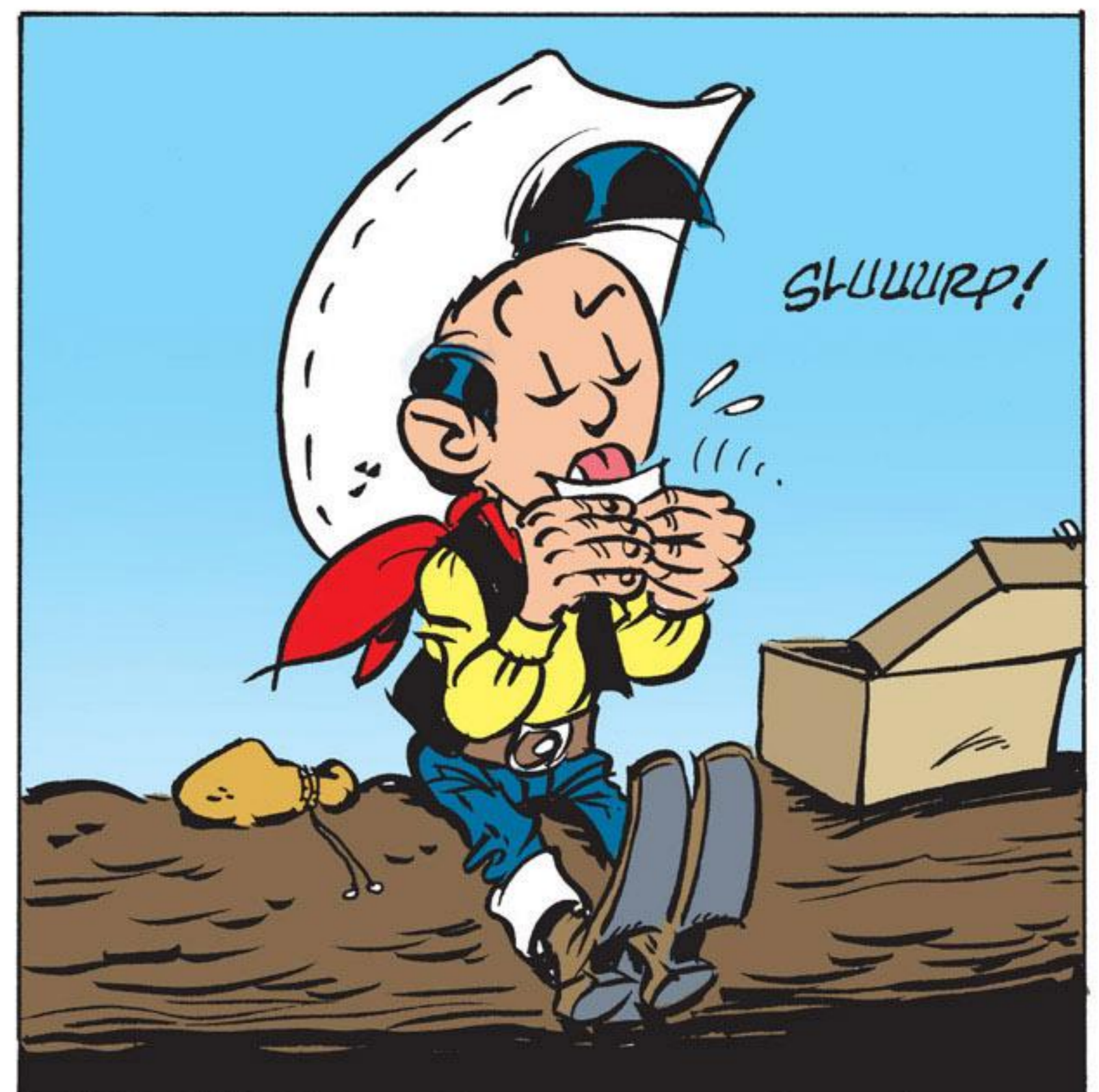
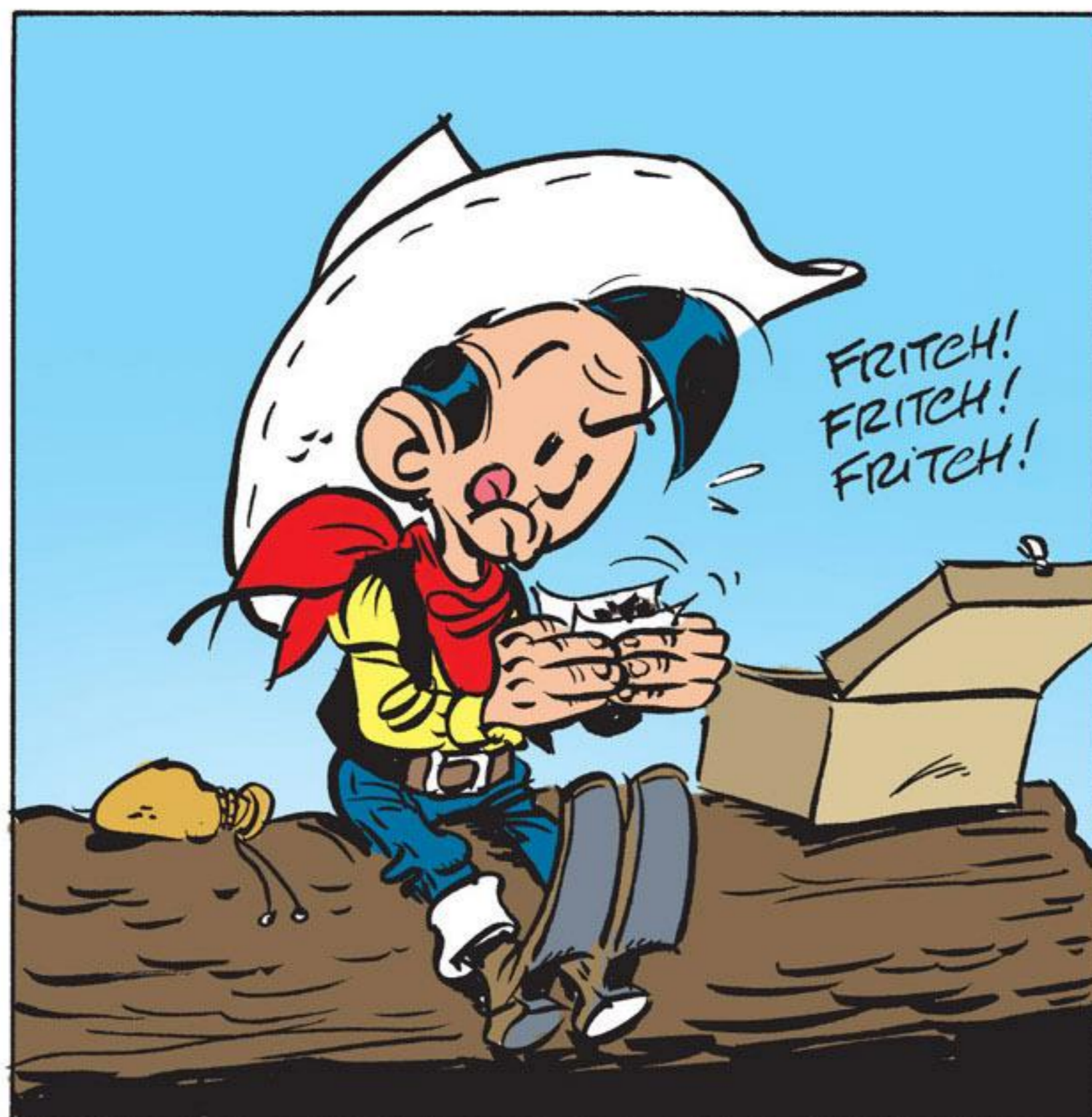
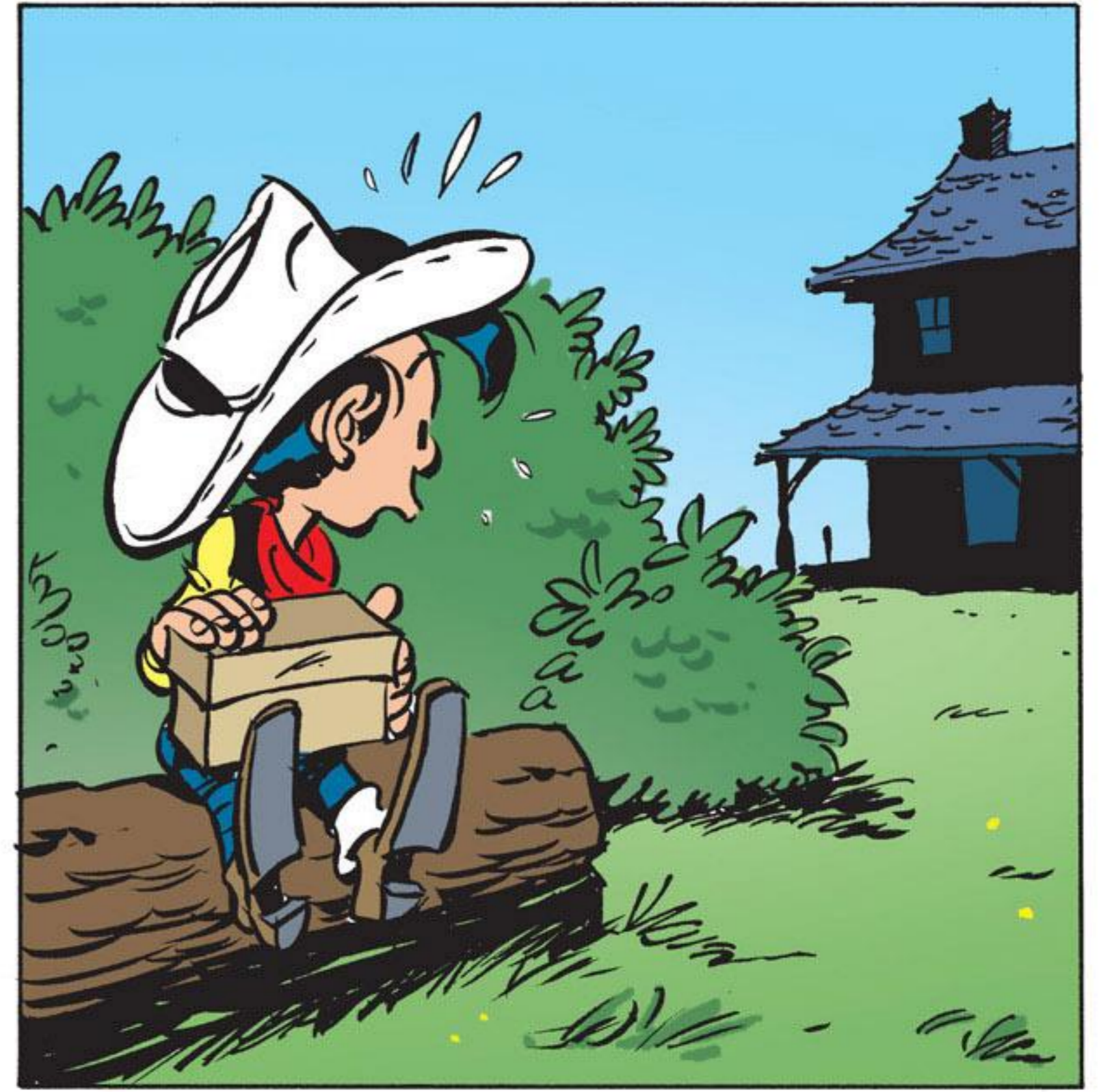
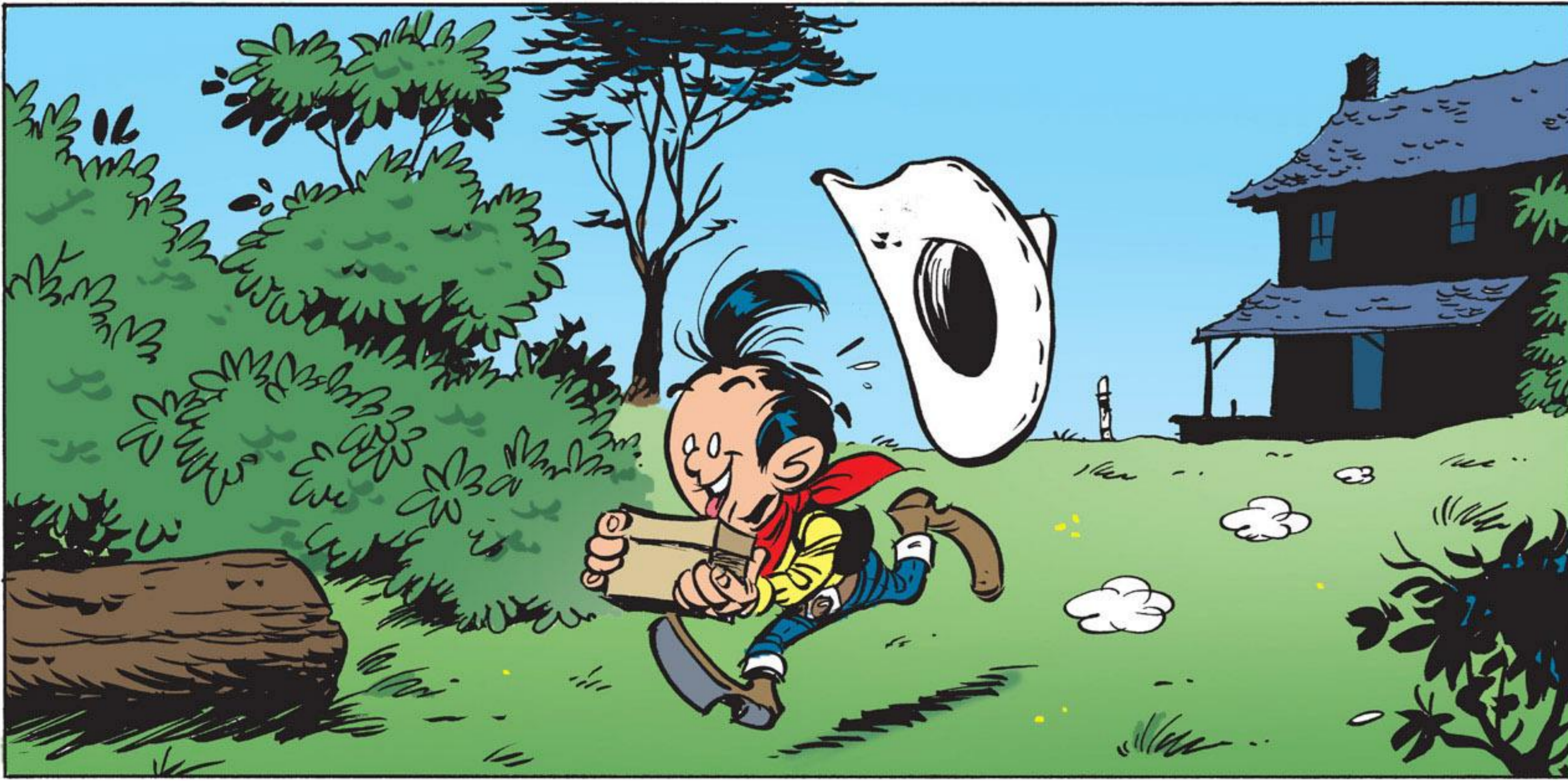




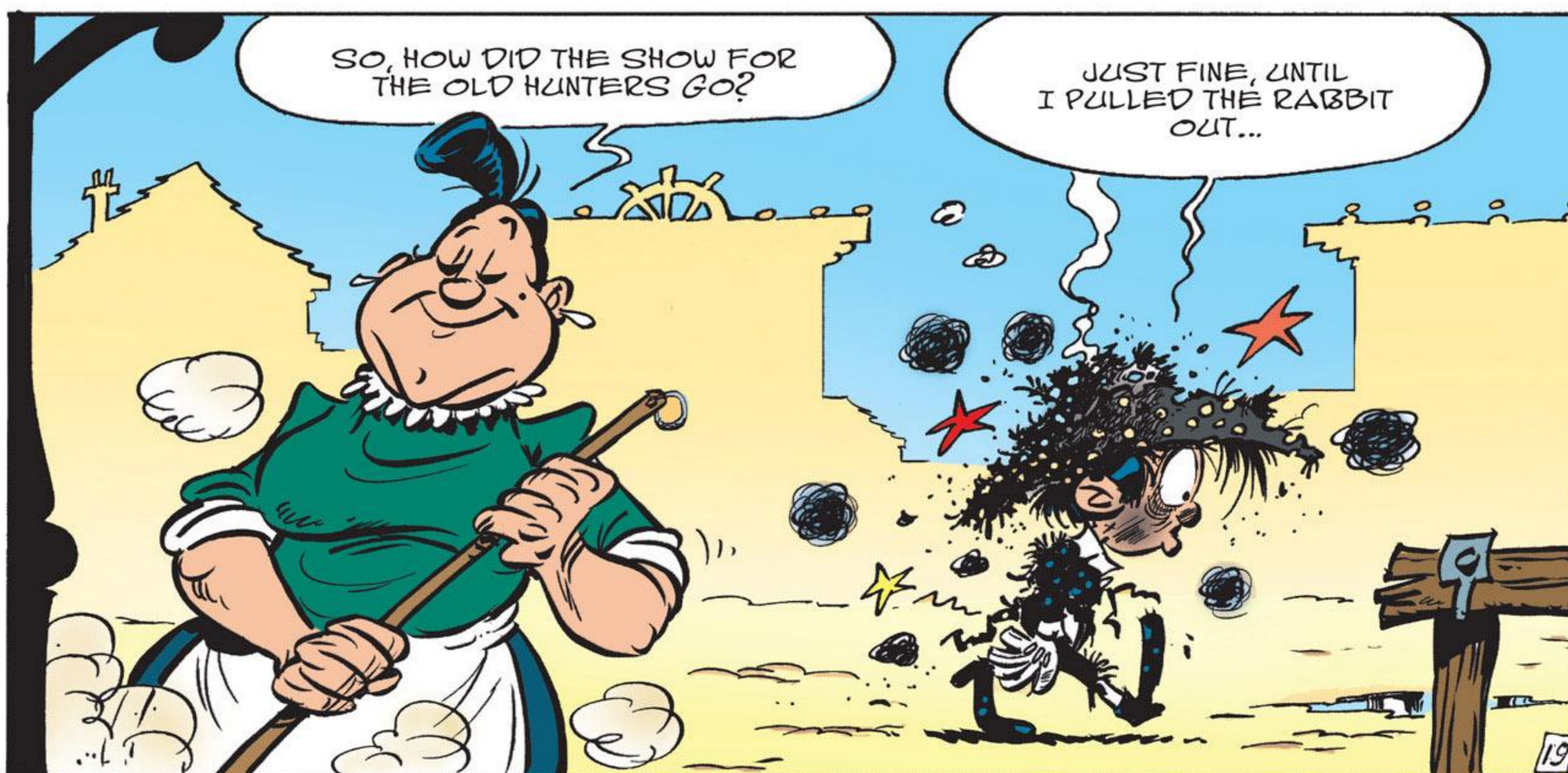
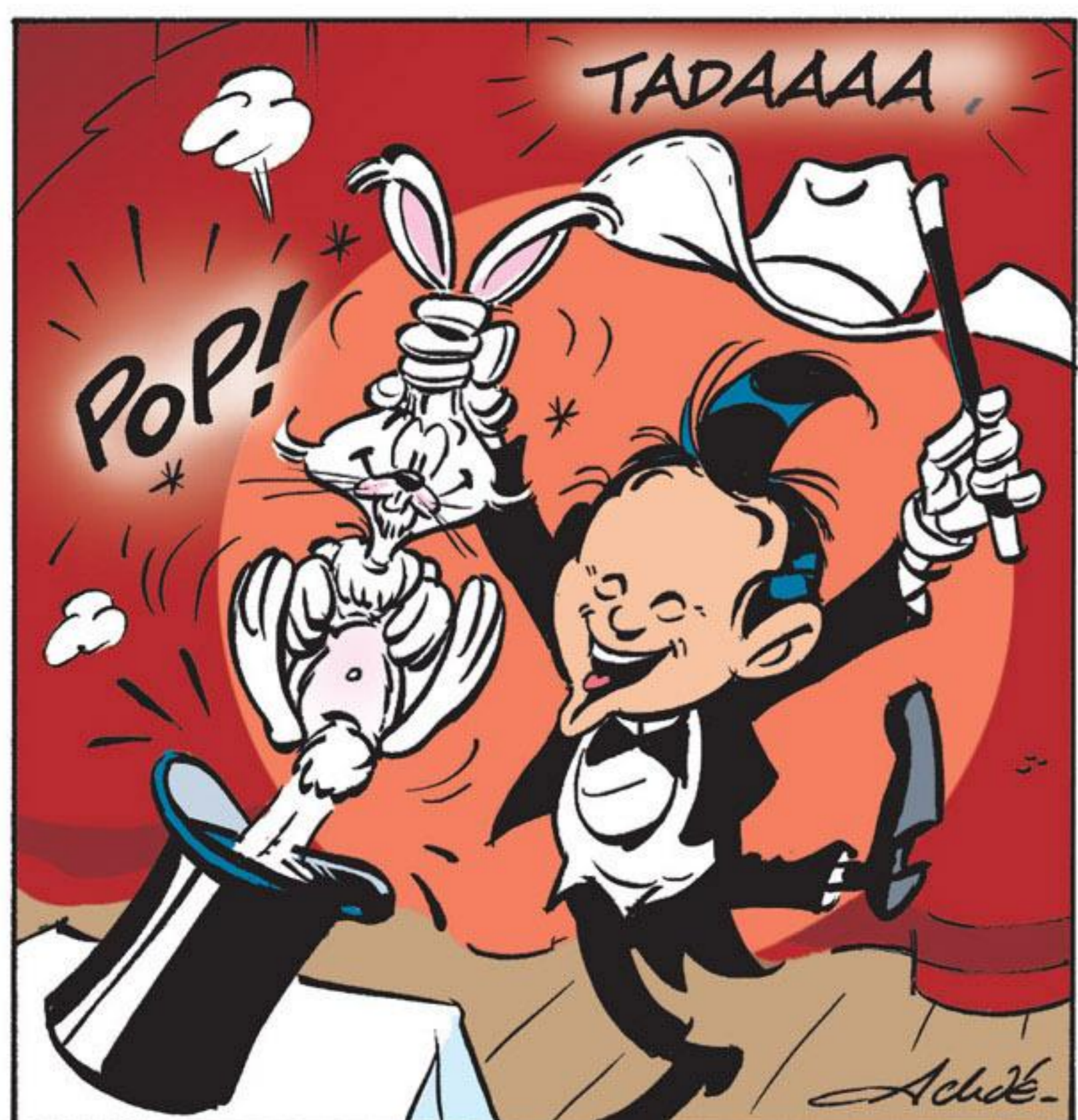
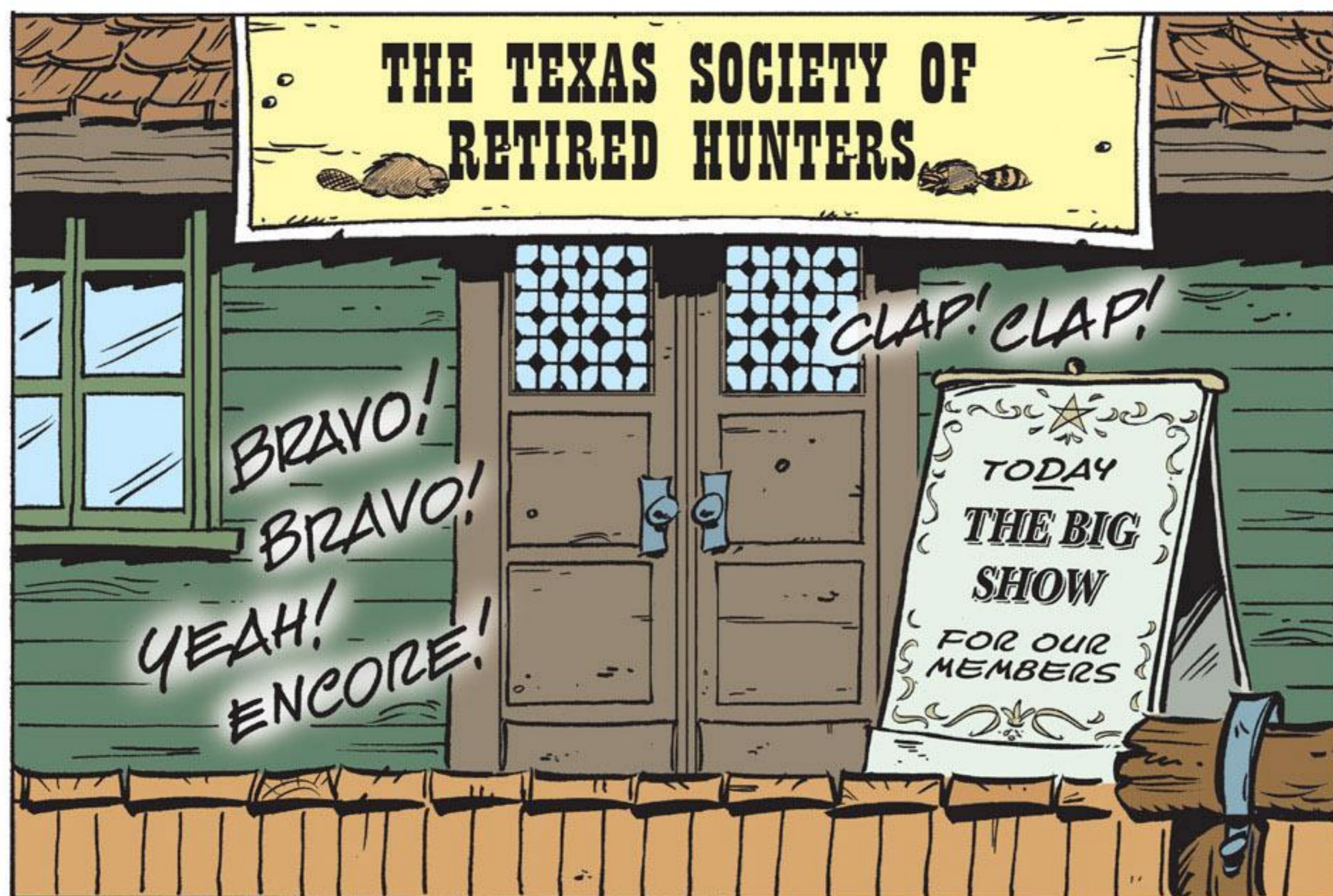
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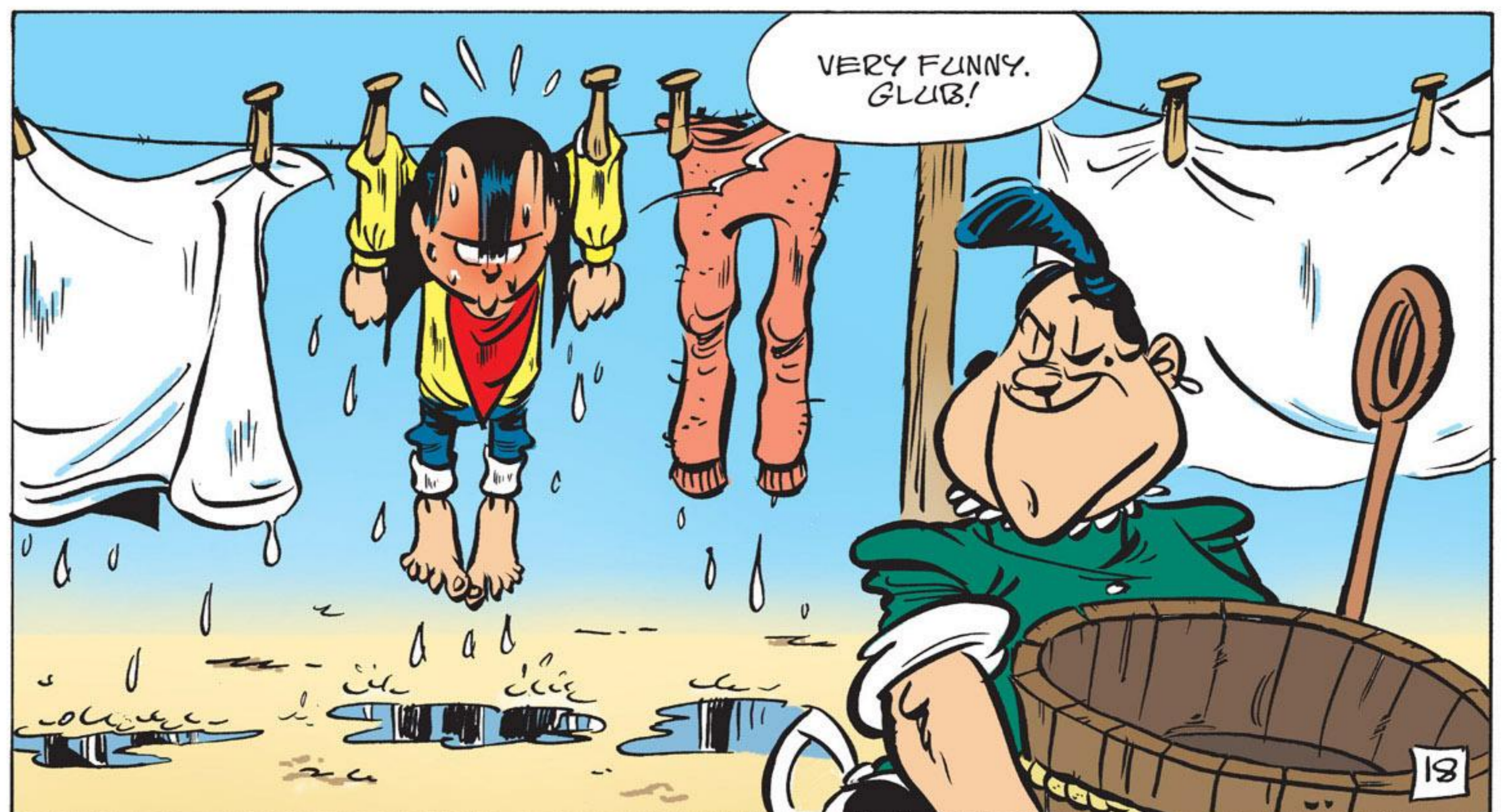
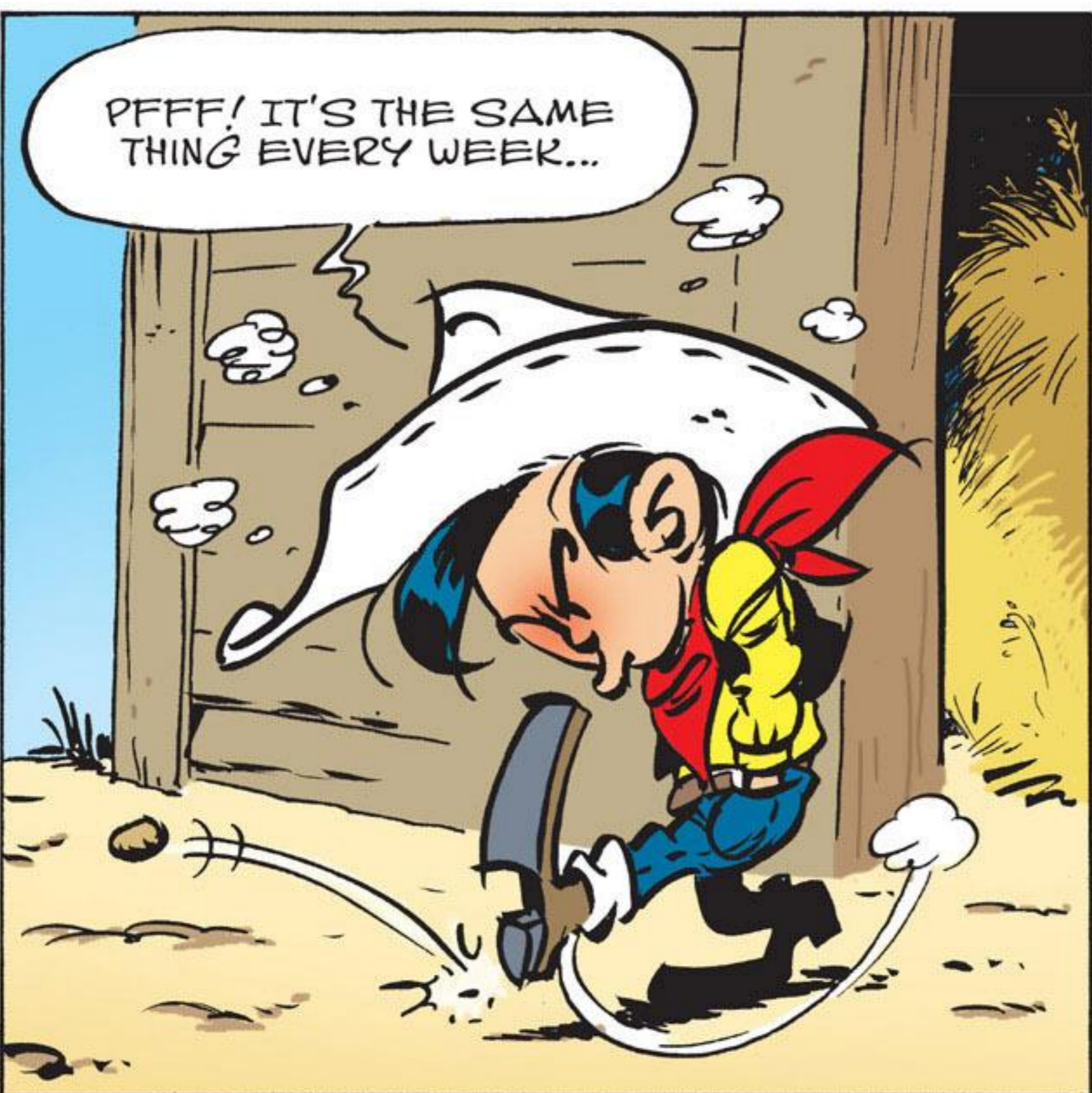
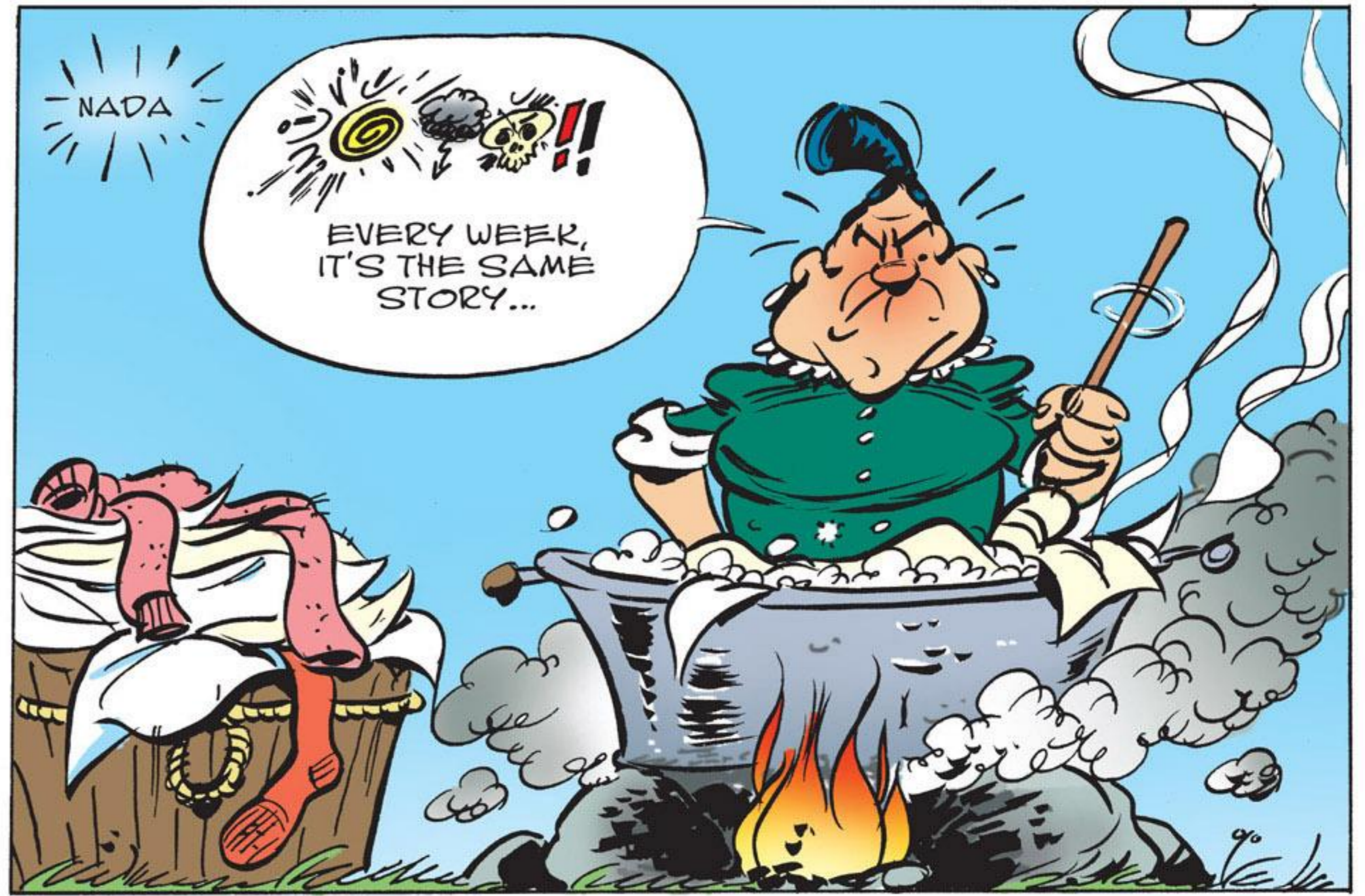
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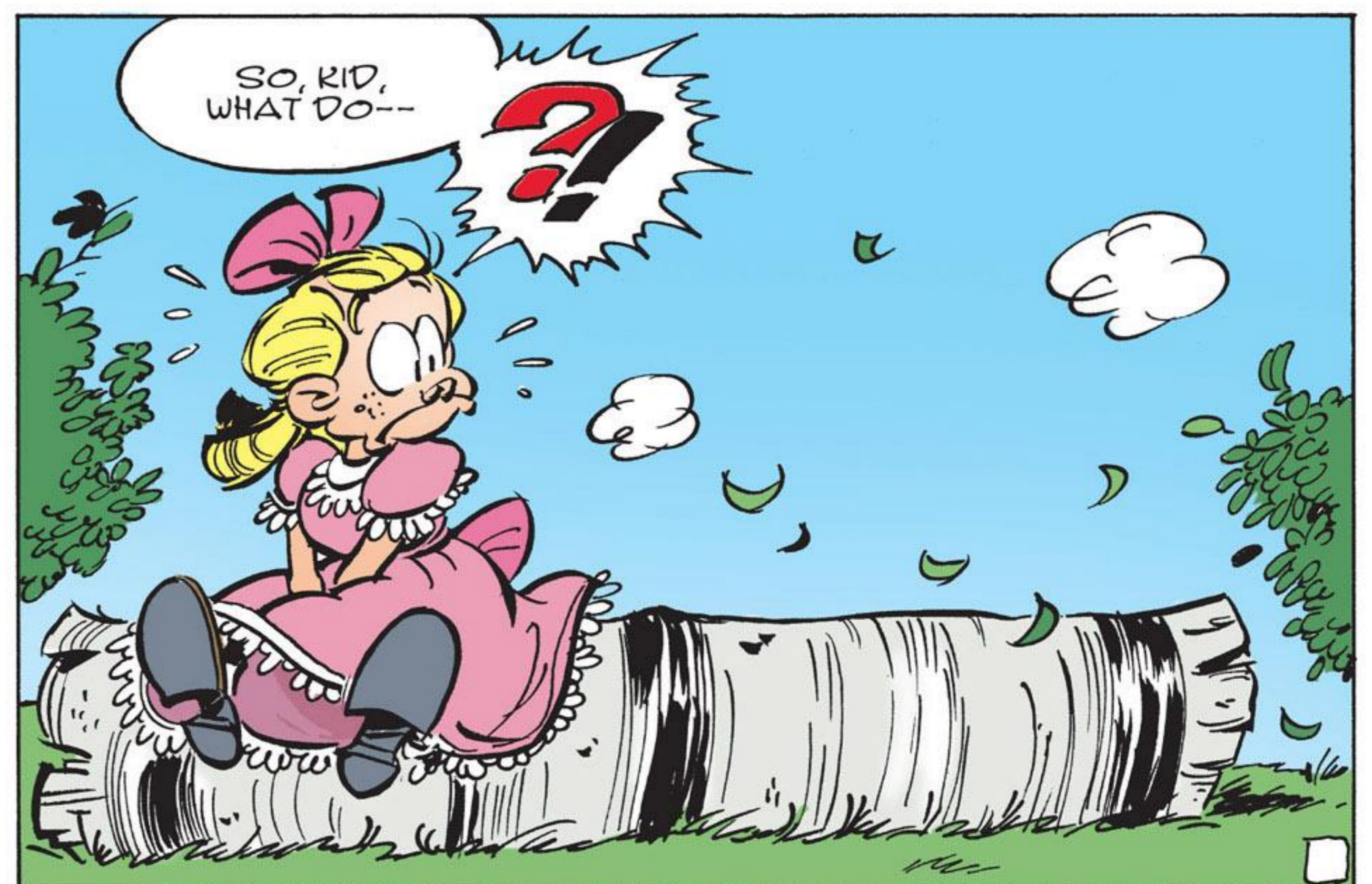
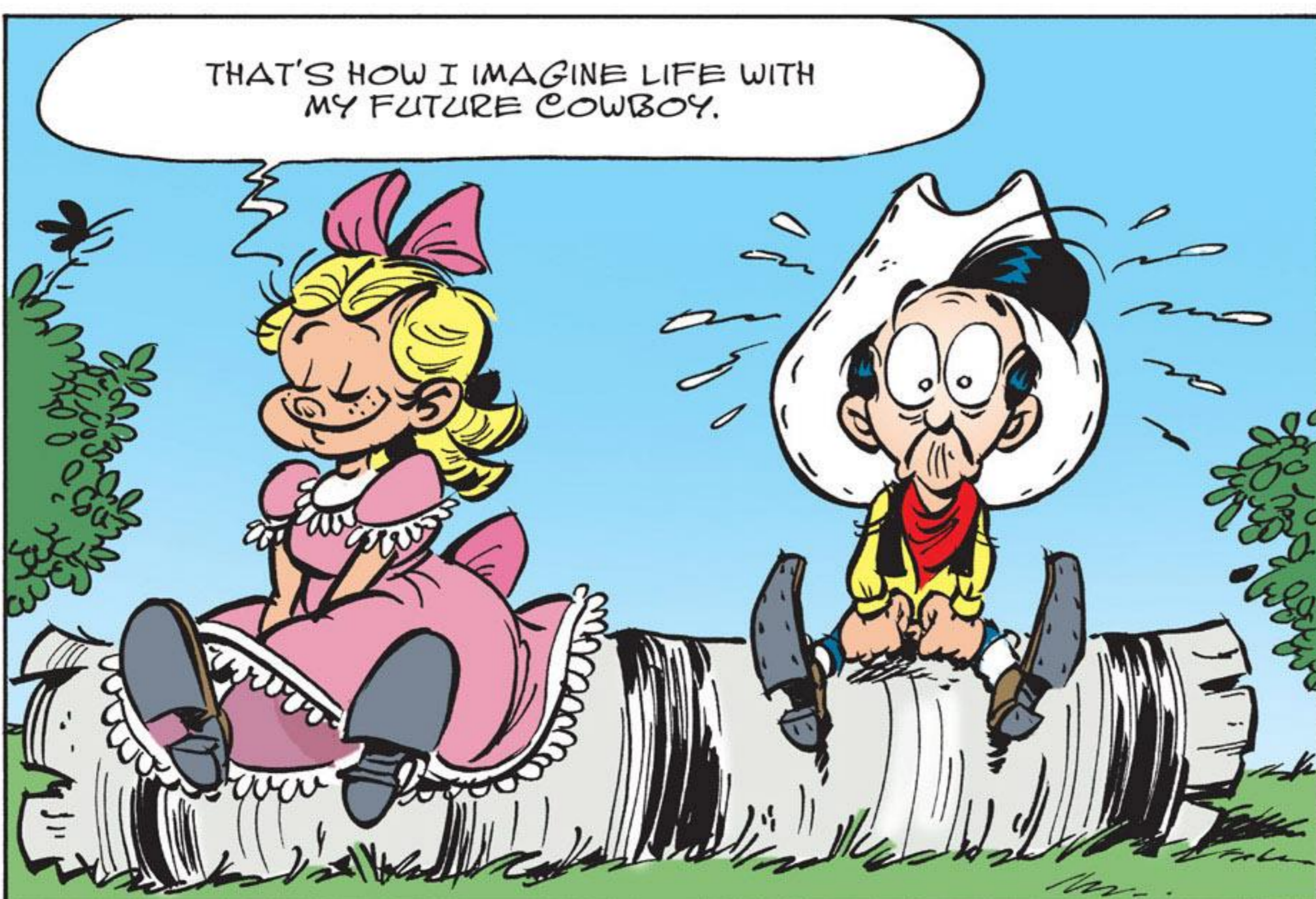
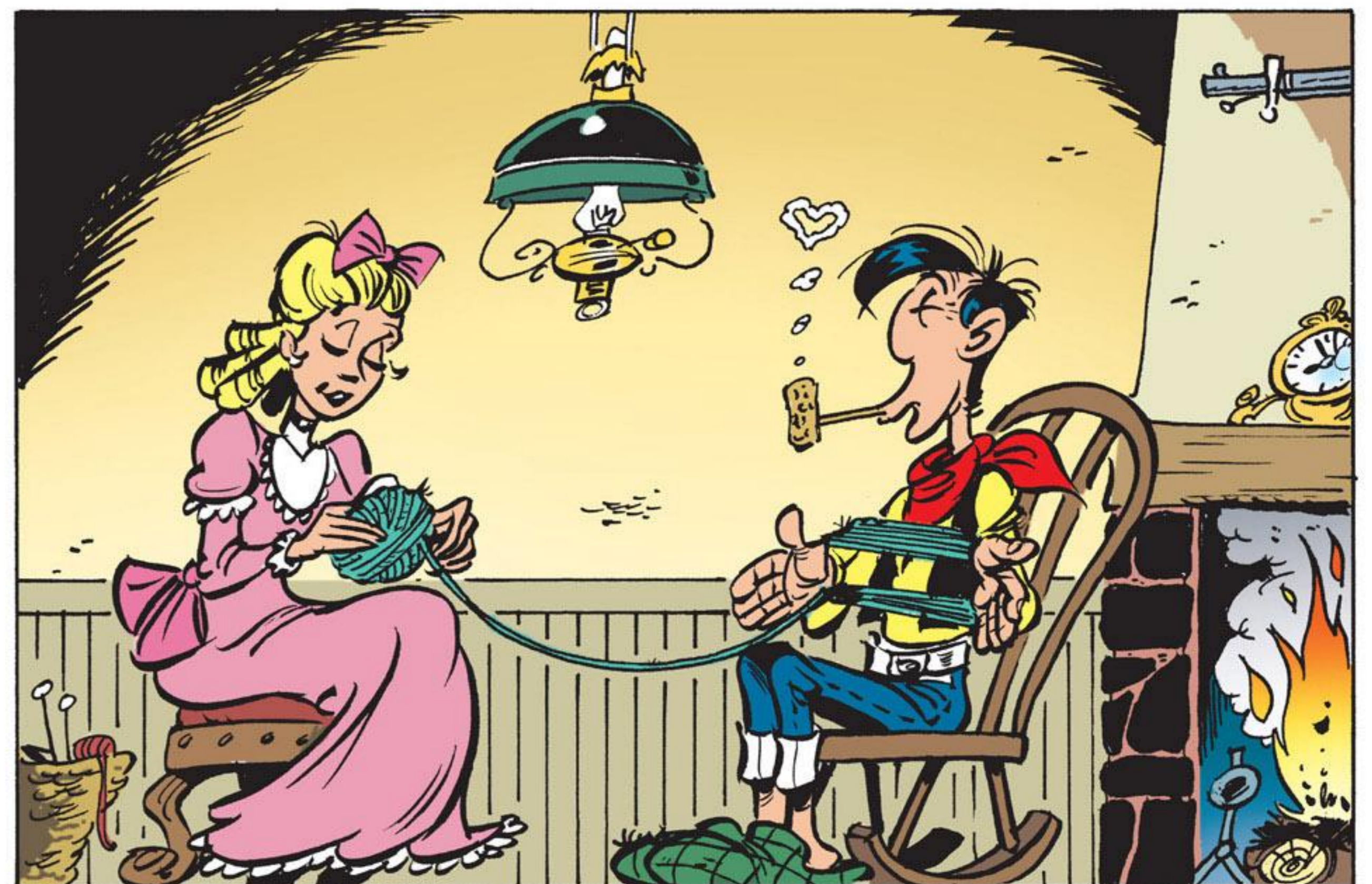
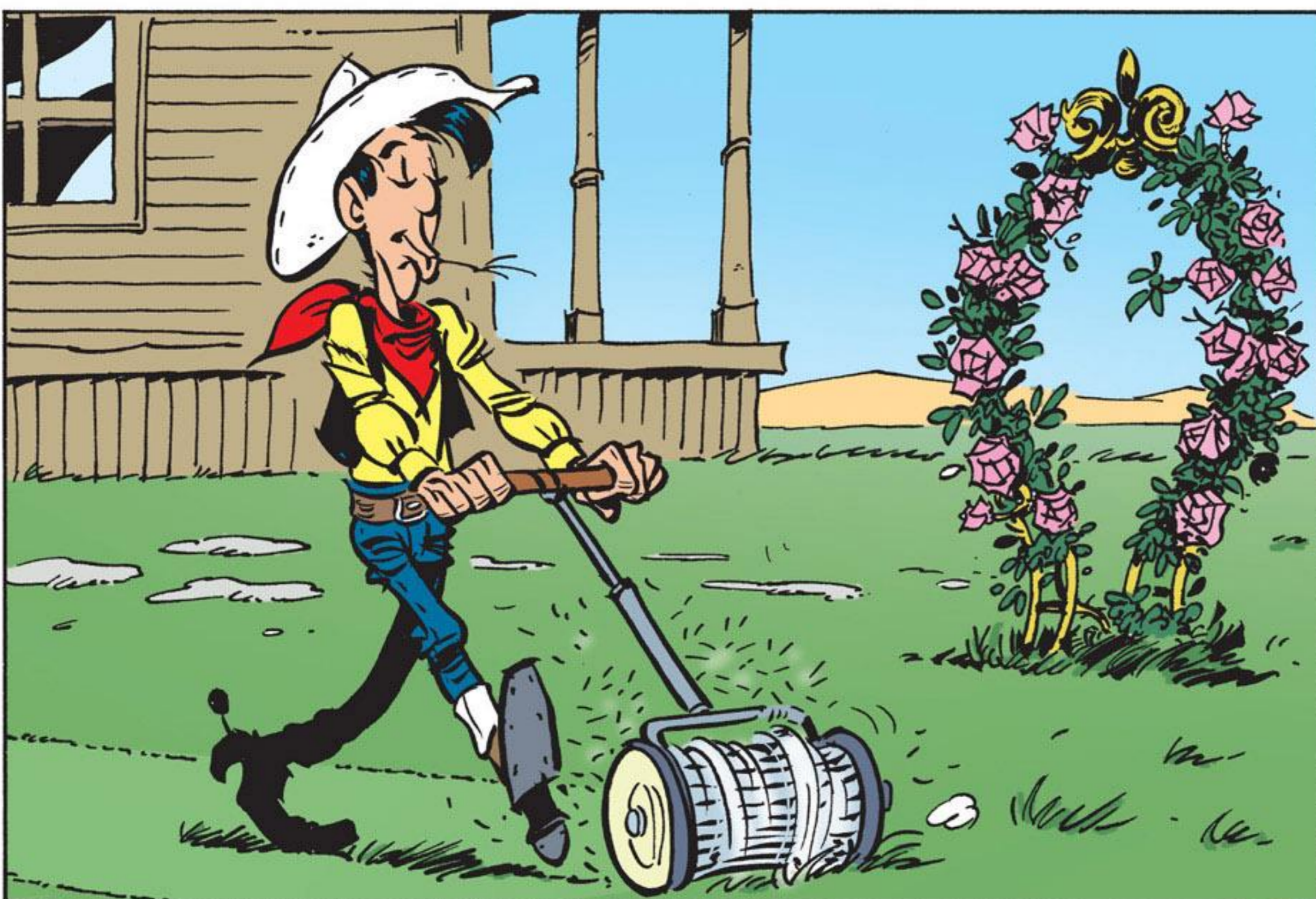
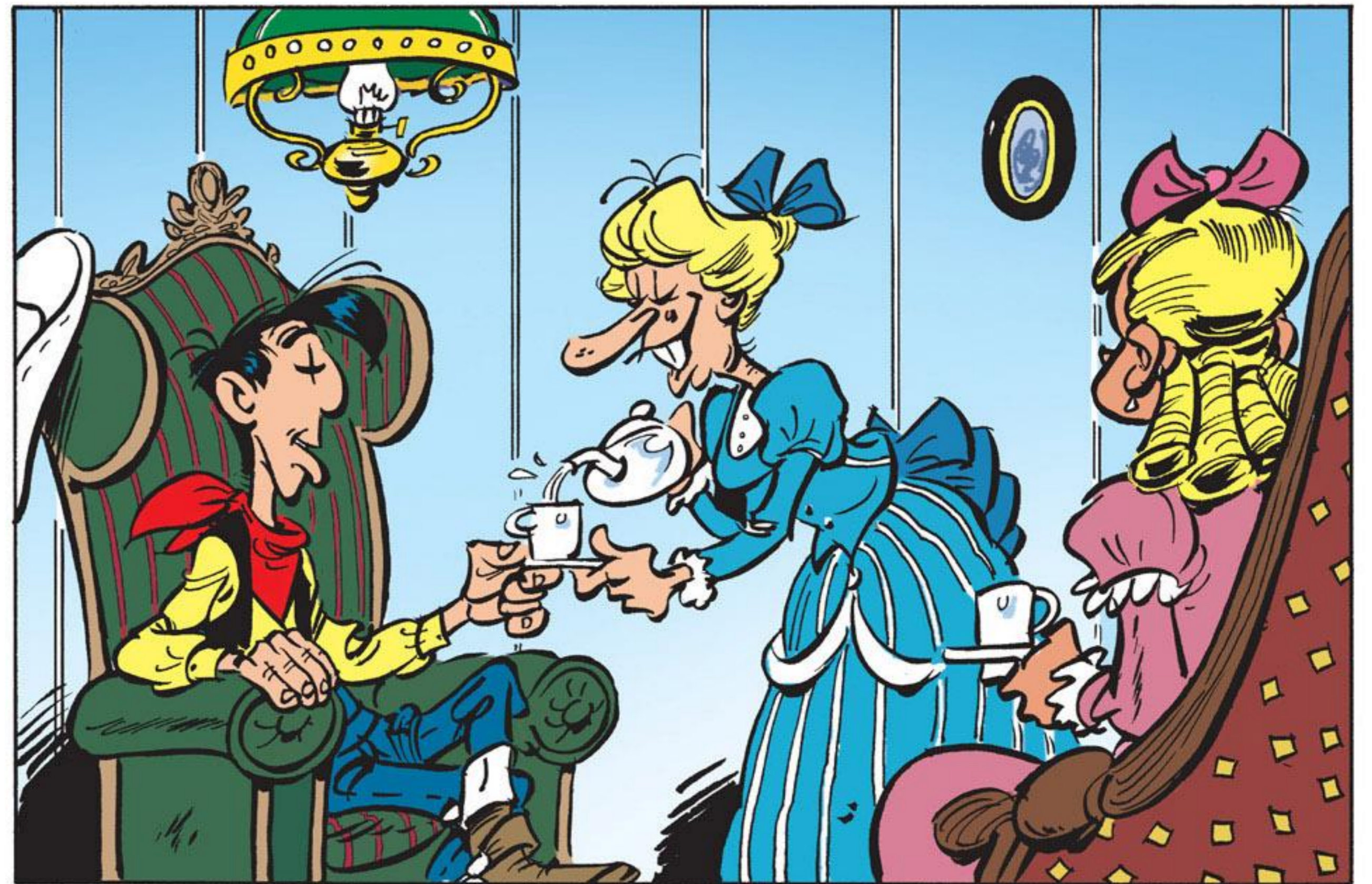
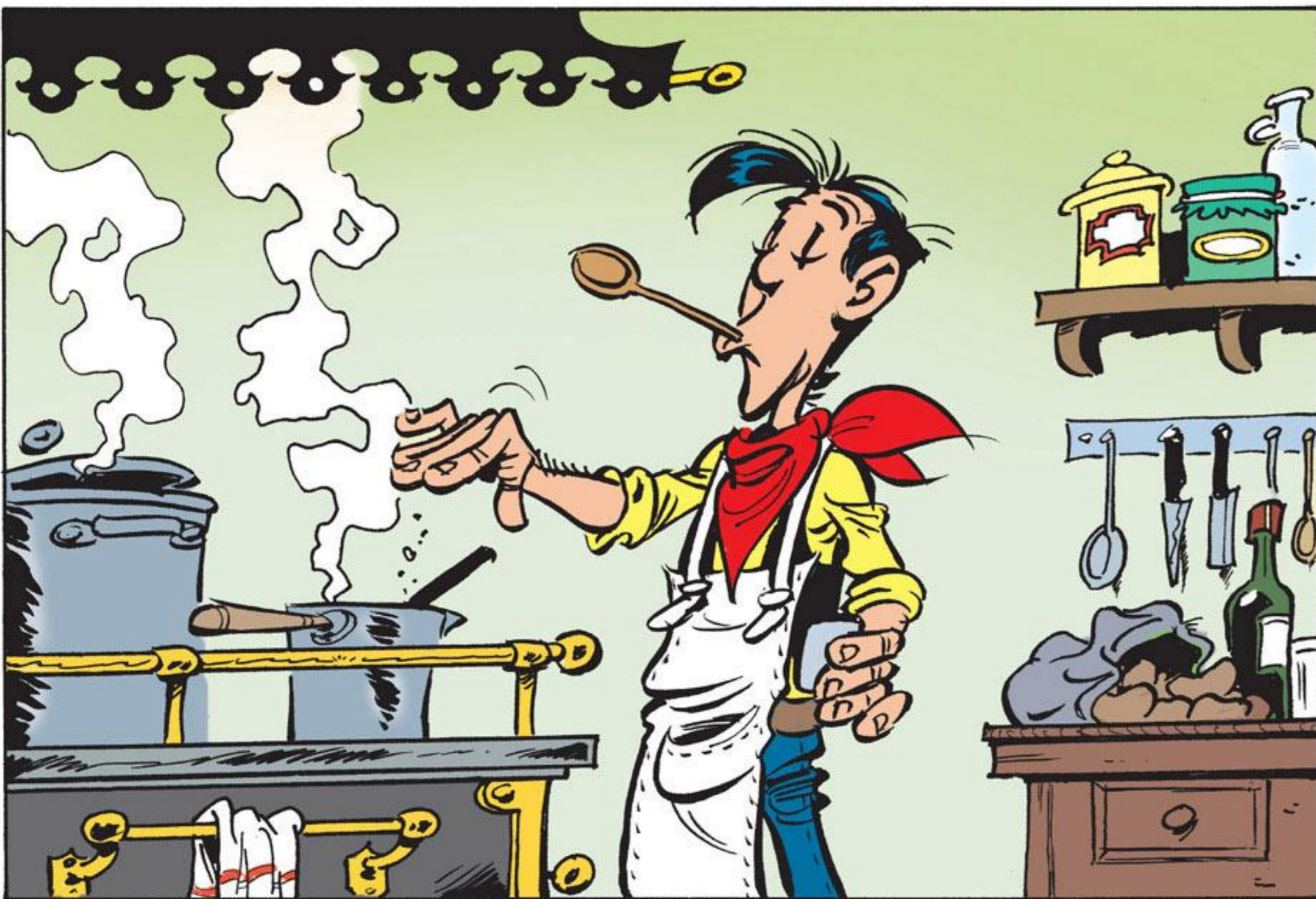
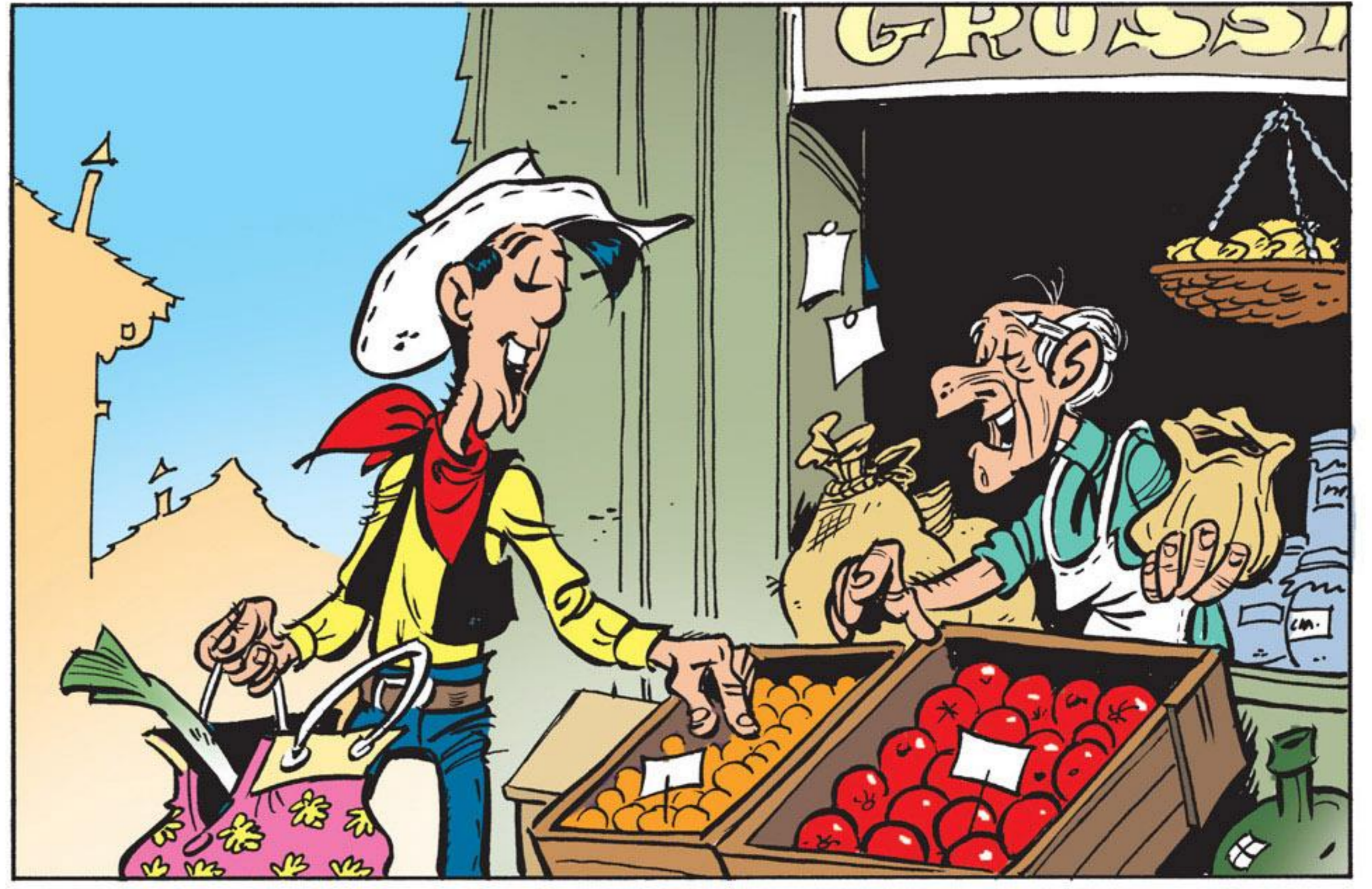
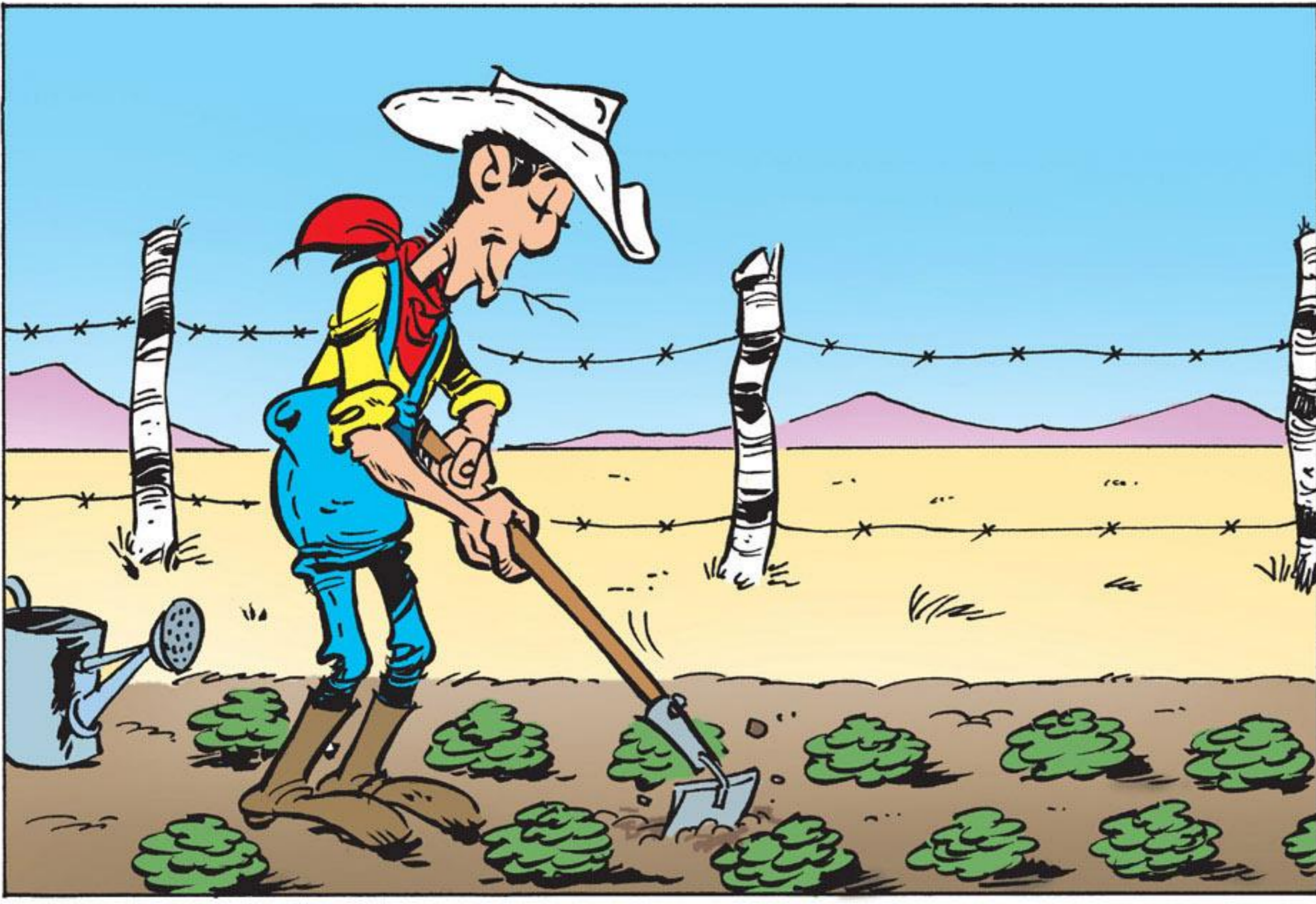
Would you believe? Tobacco is really bad for your health, even if you're a cowboy. Want proof? The cowboy who appeared in a major cigarette brand's ads died from smoking. Quite frankly, you can do without it!



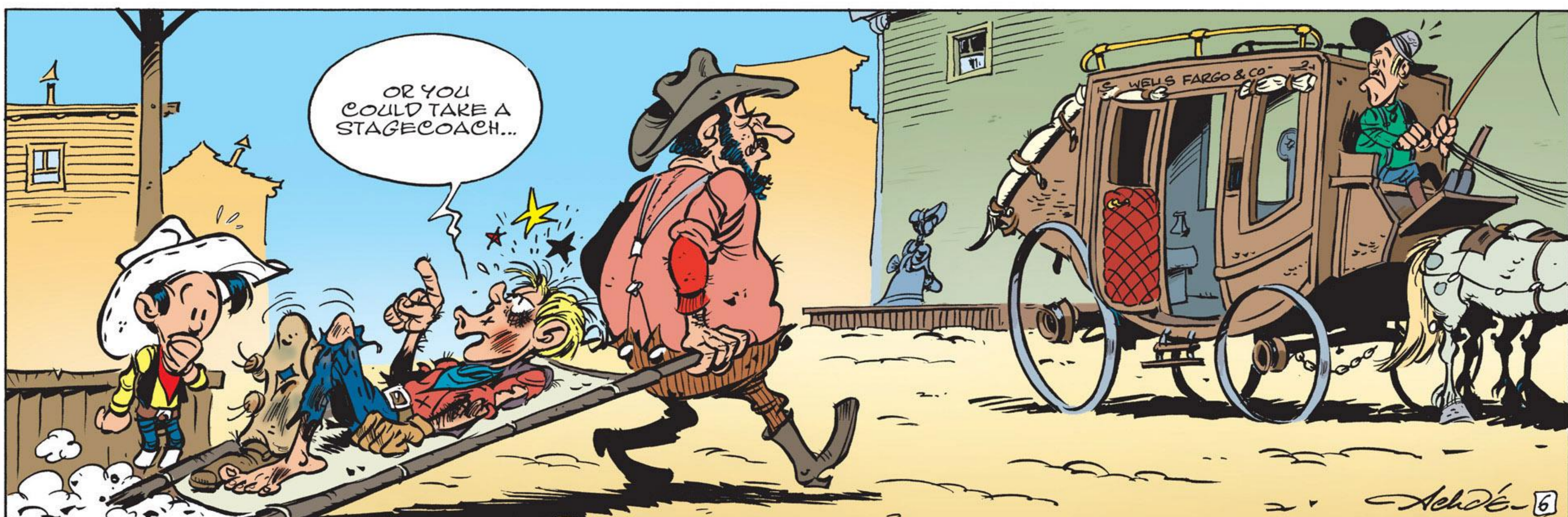
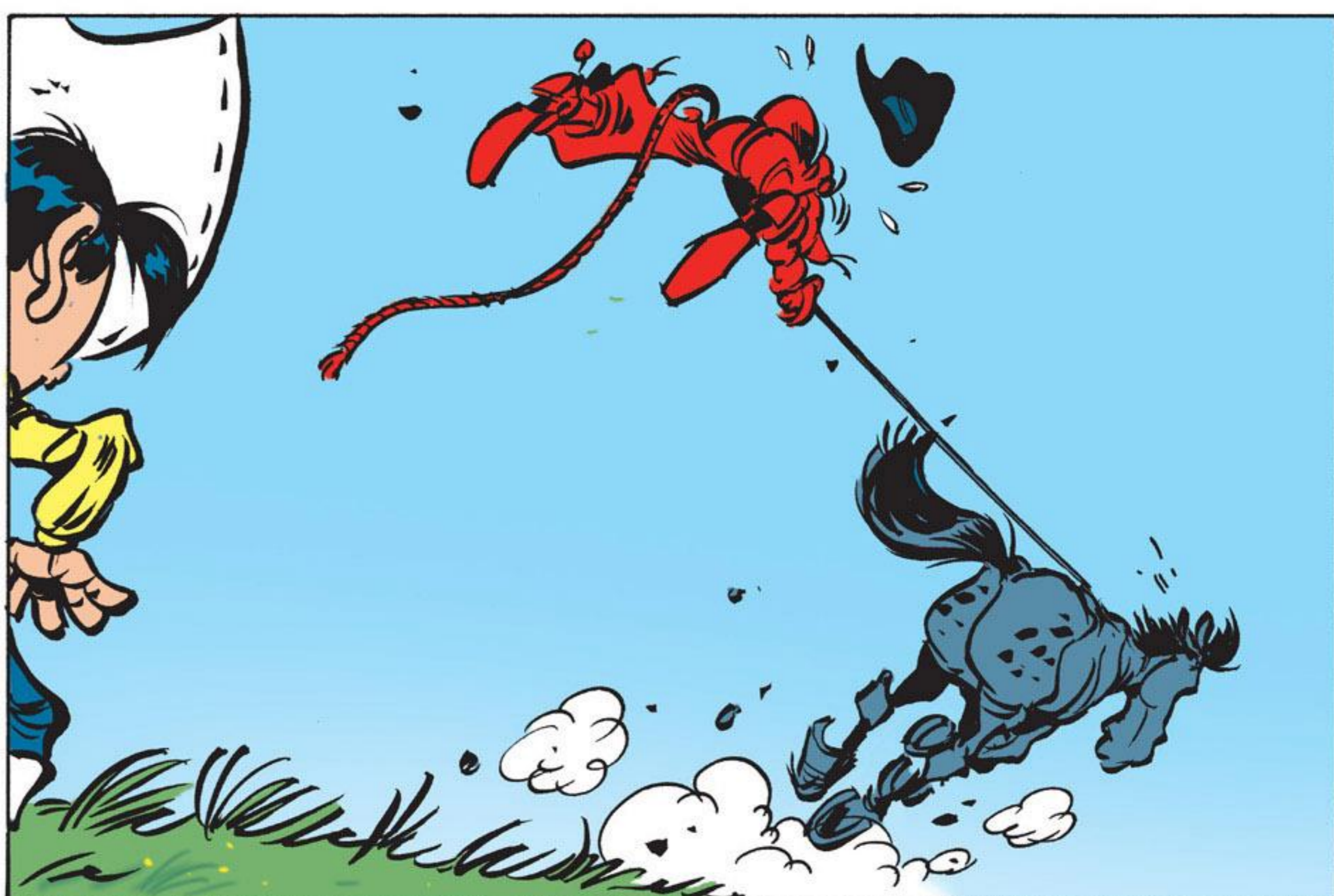
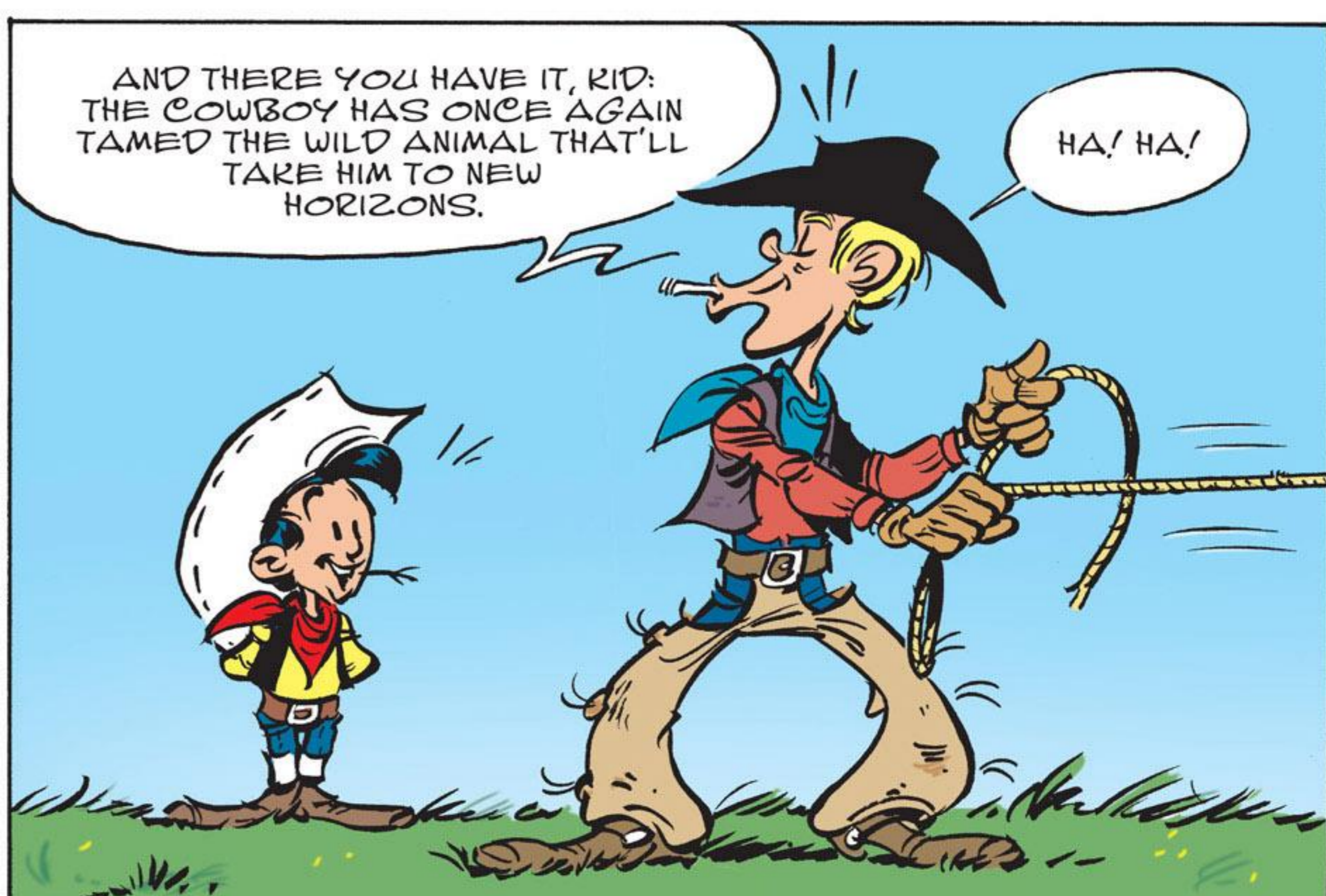
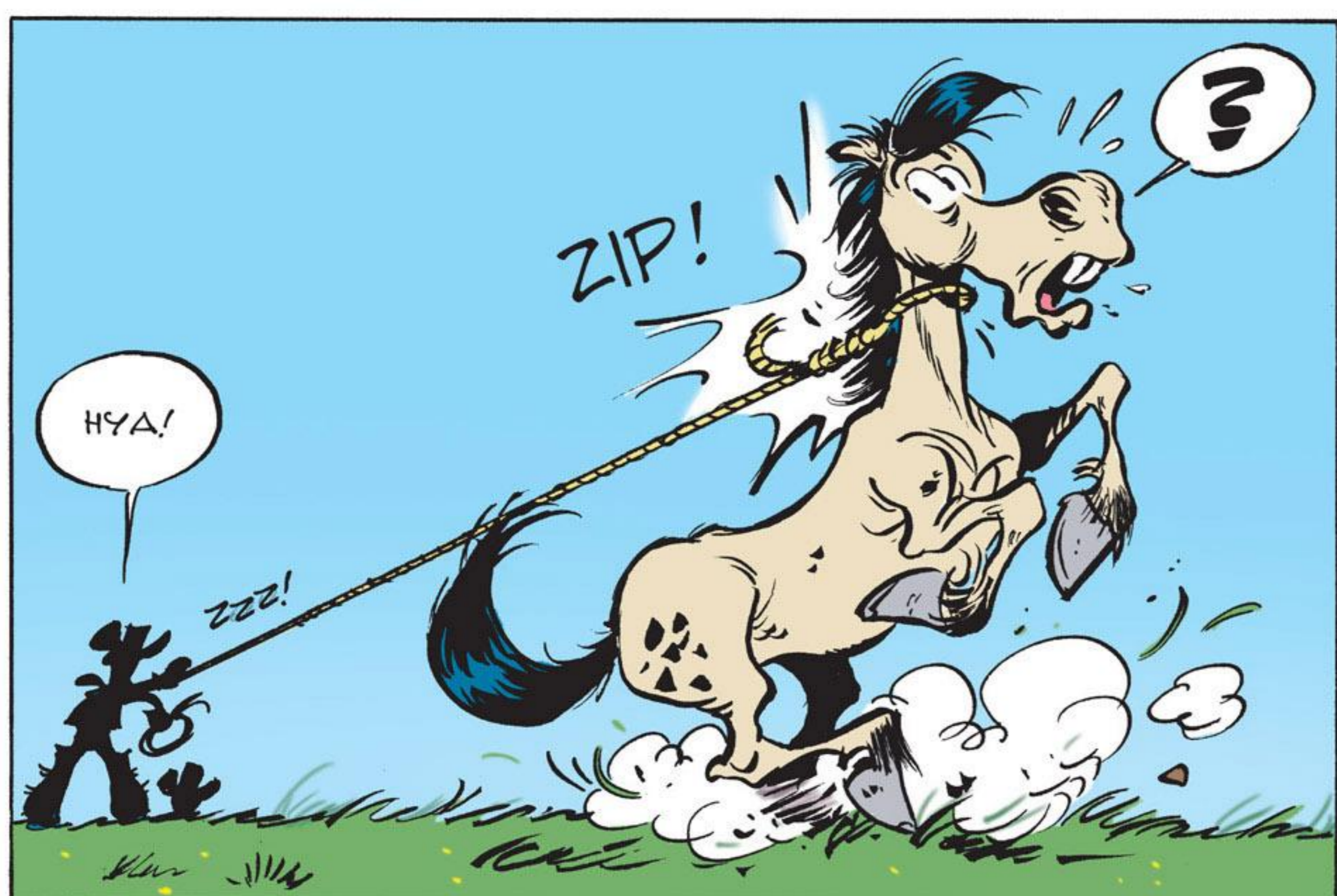
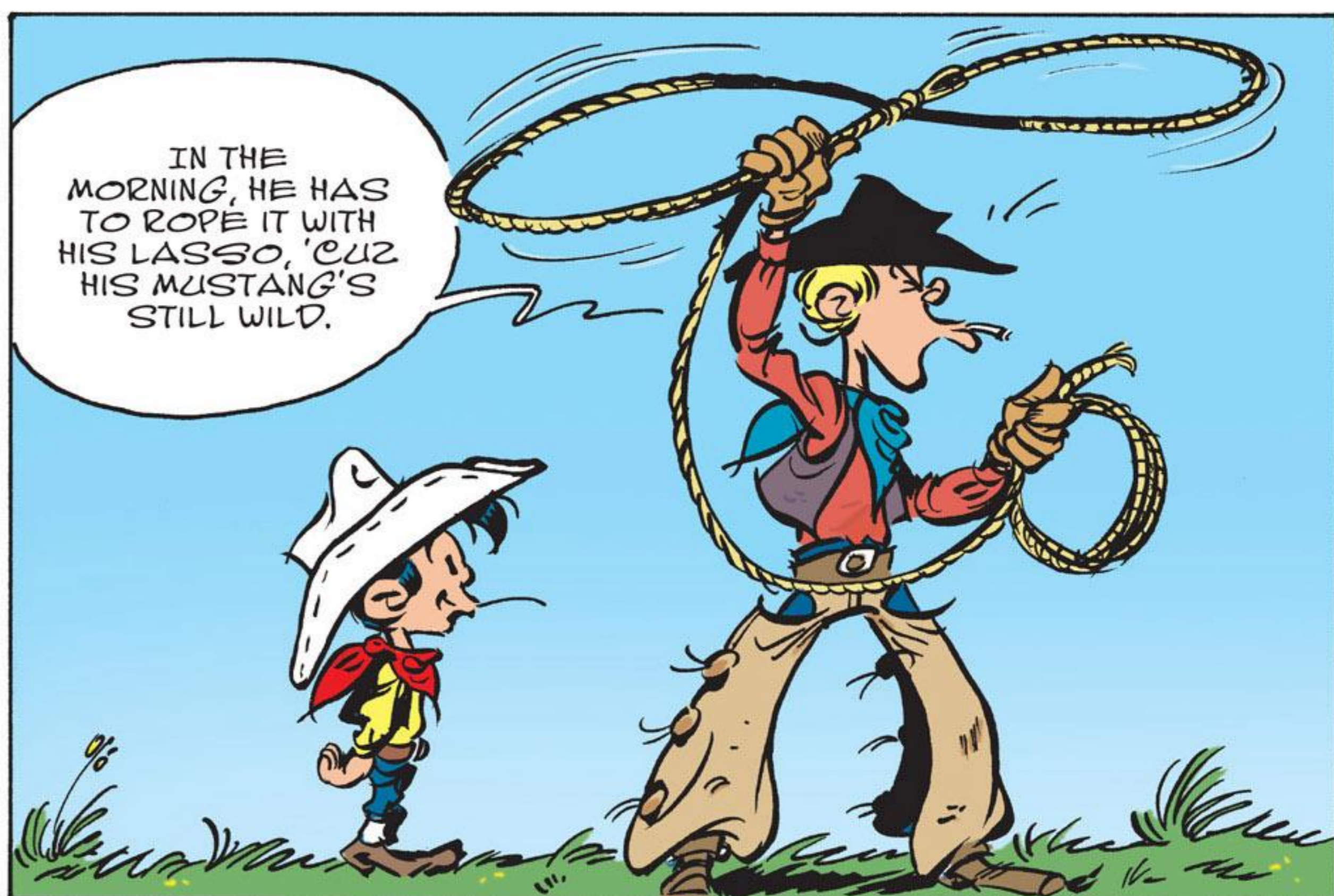
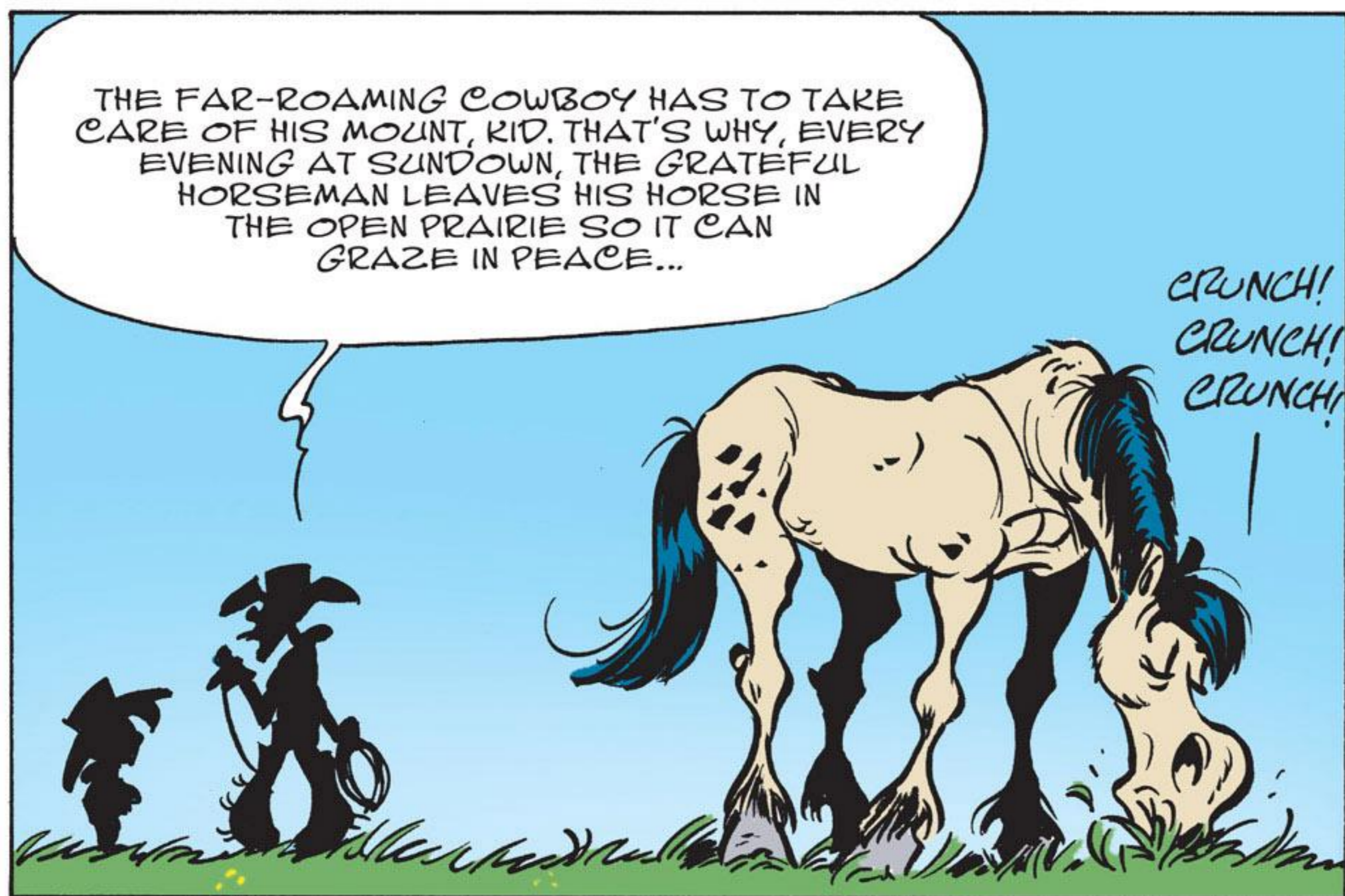
Would you believe? One of the greatest magicians in American history was Ehrich Weisz, also known as "Houdini." He became famous with a series of spectacular escapes from water-filled trunks while wearing chains.



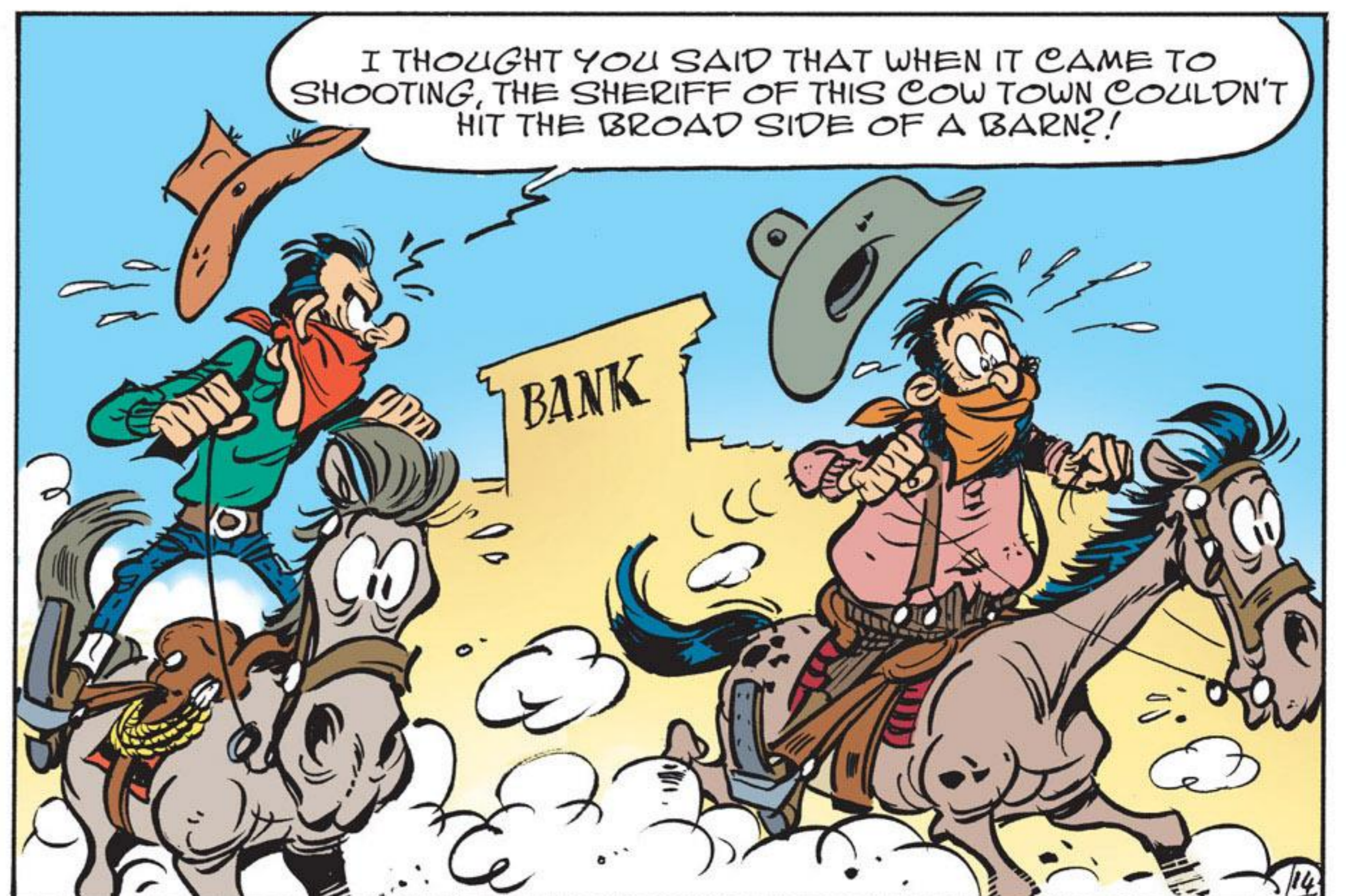
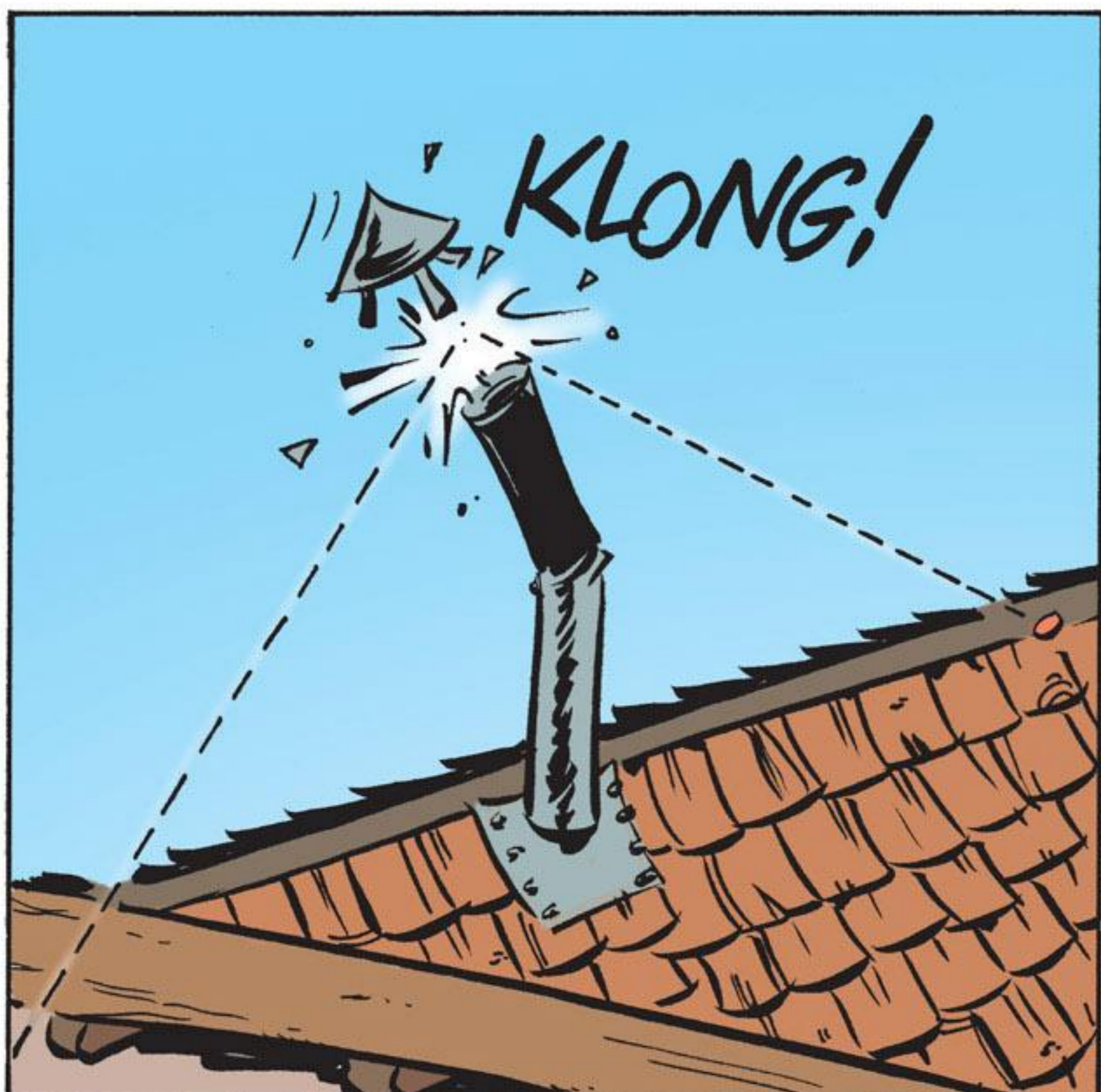
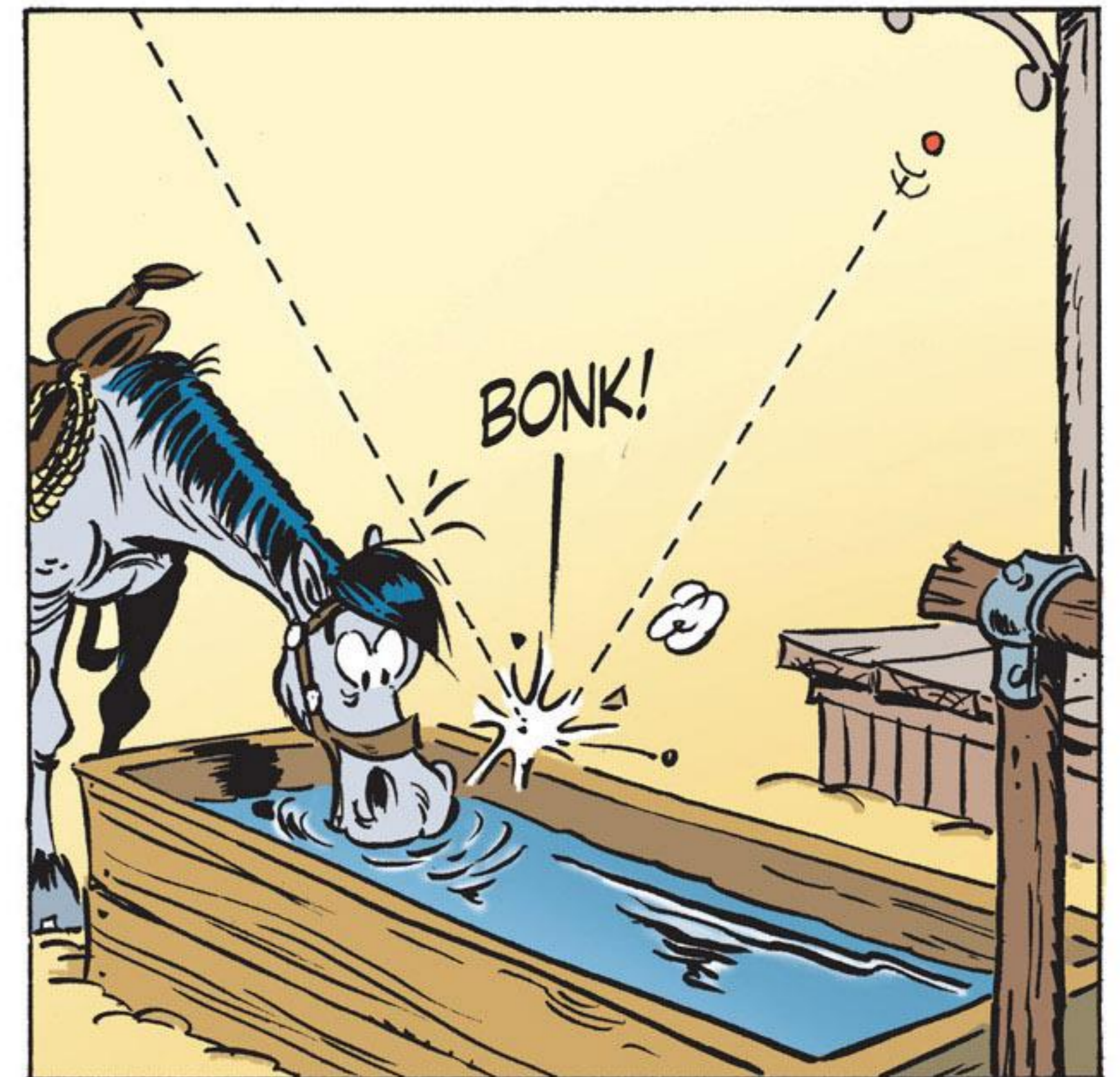
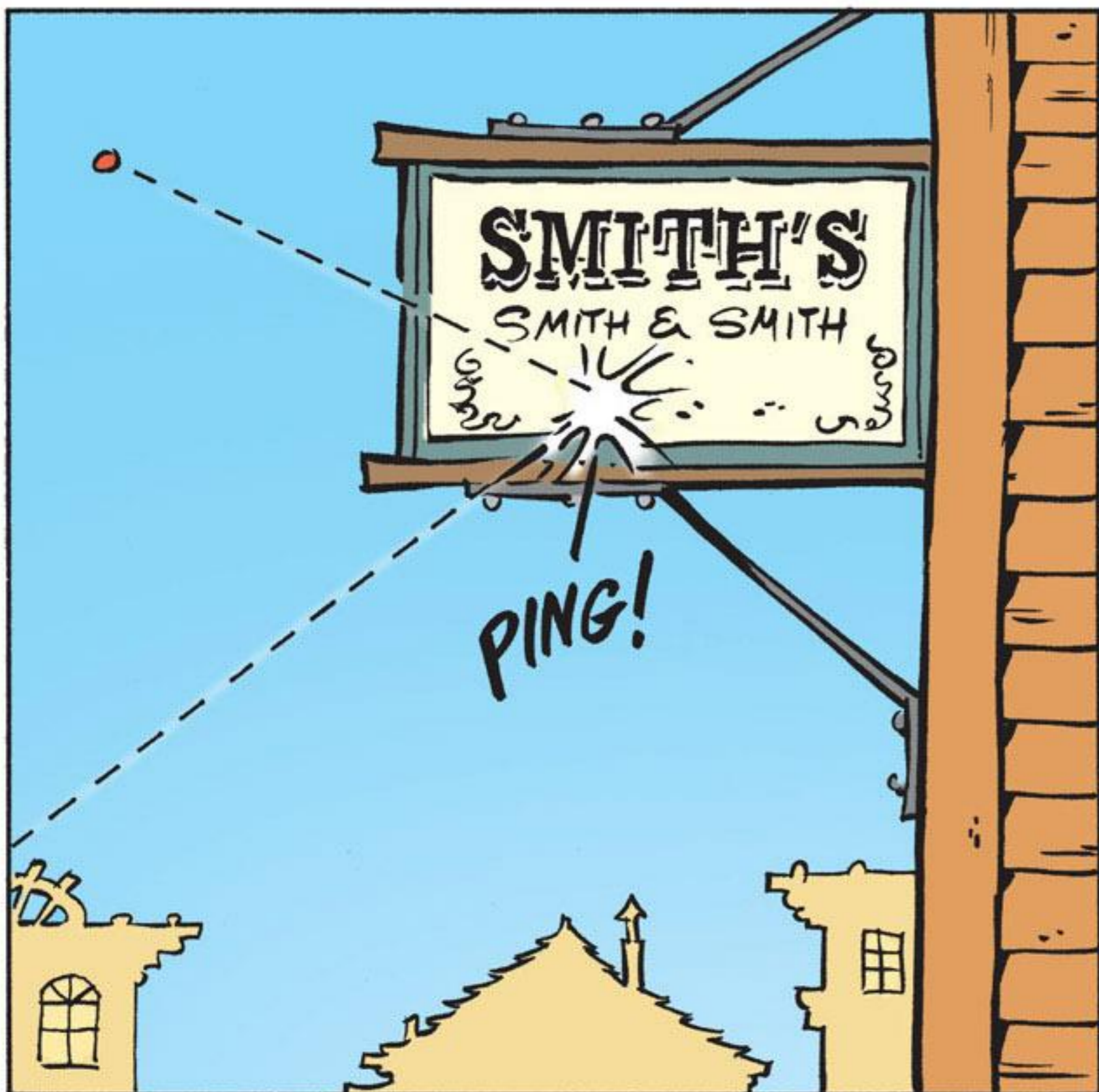
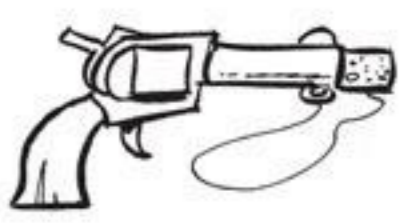
Would you believe? In the Far West, clothes were rare and expensive. Cowboys hardly ever bathed, and when they did, they did so fully dressed so they could wash their clothes at the same time!



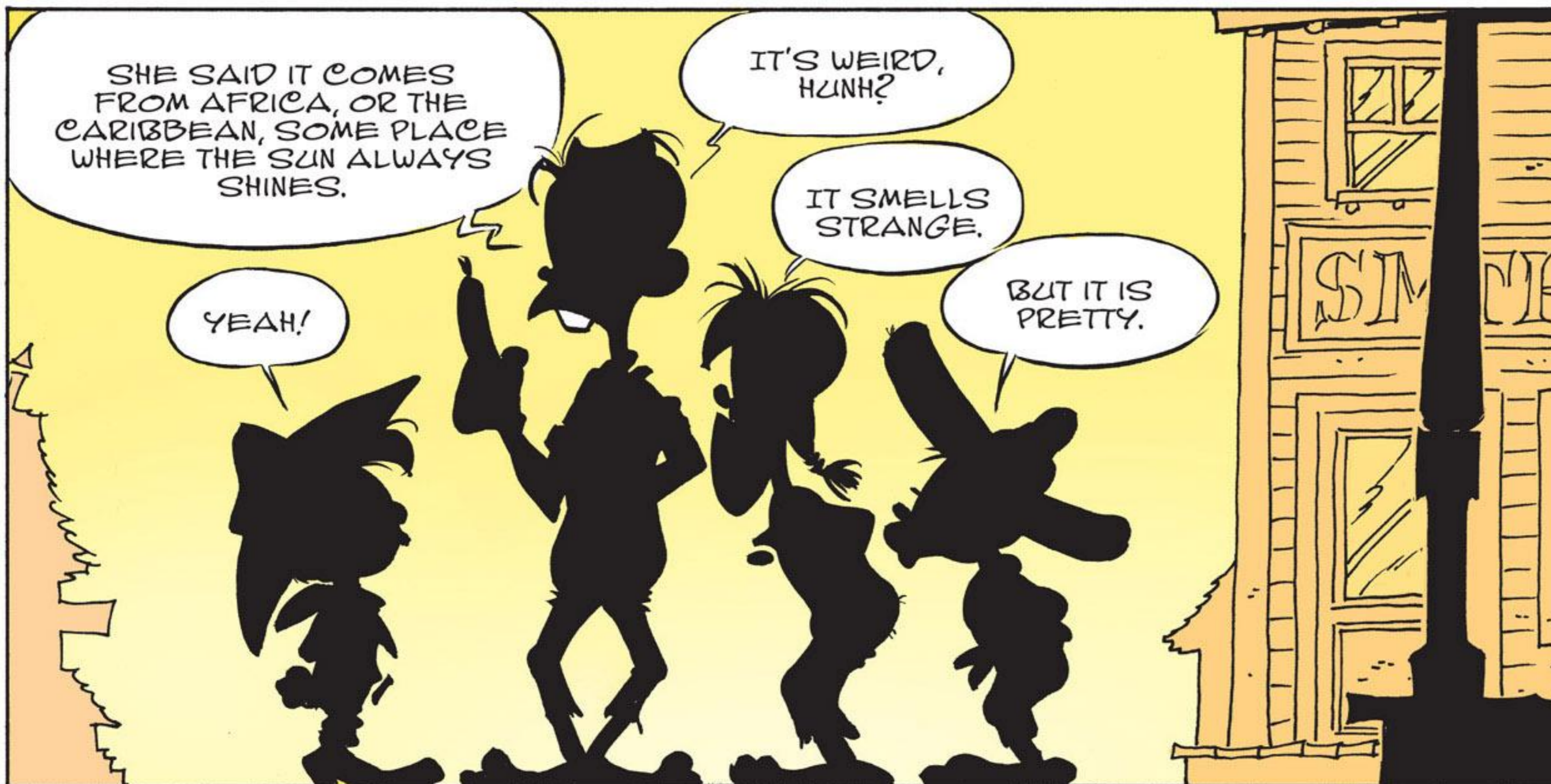
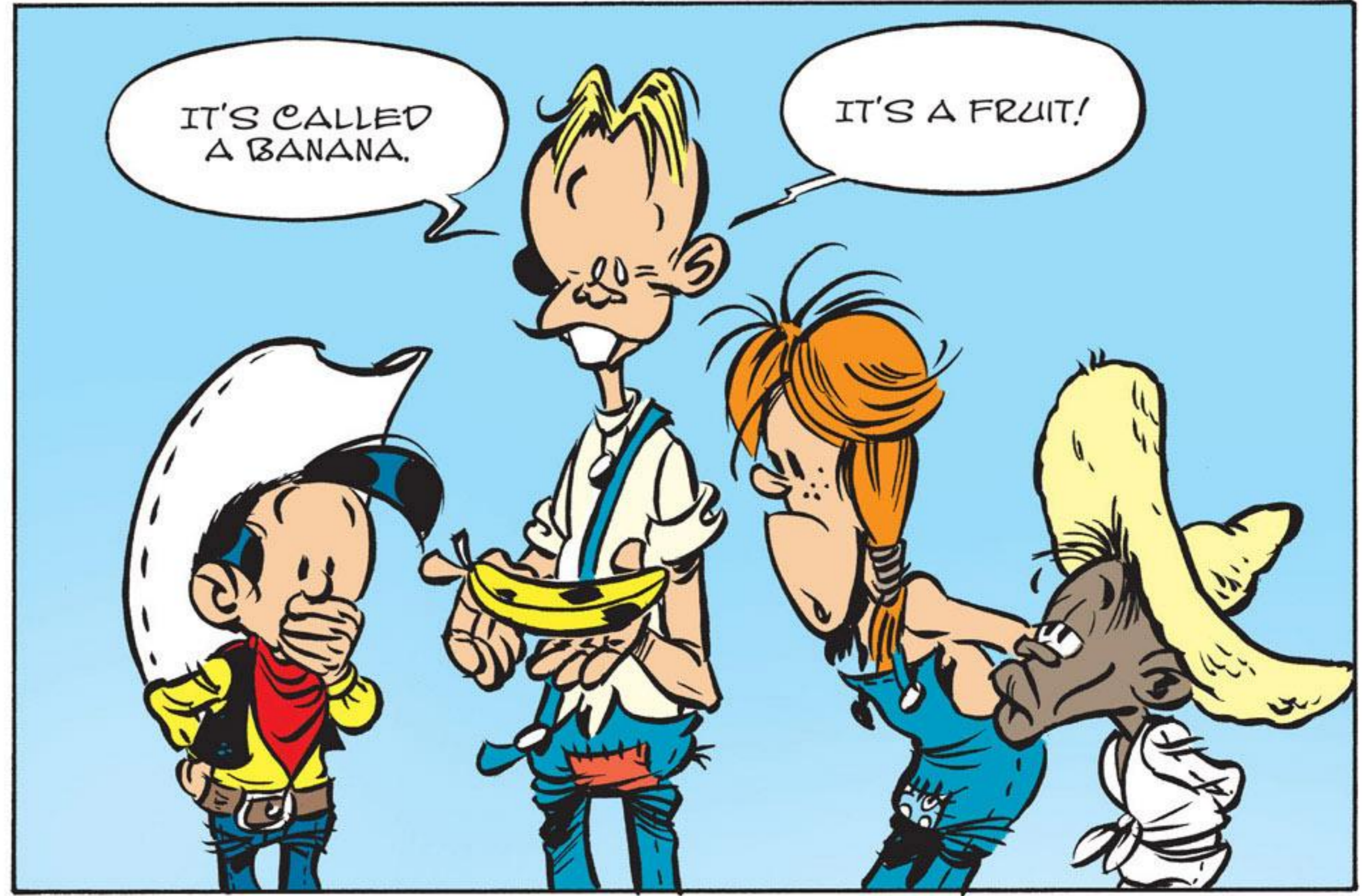
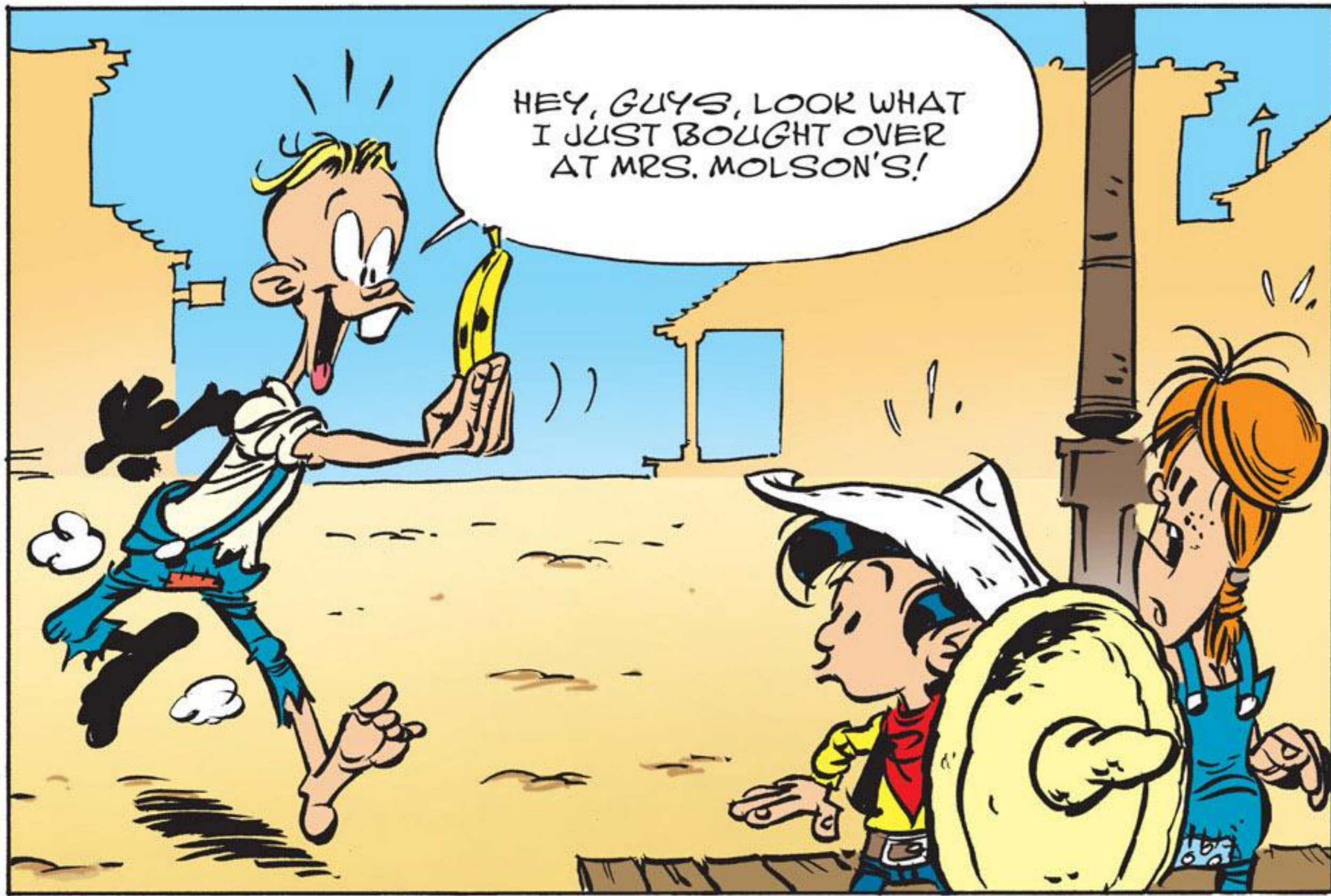
Would you believe? Whereas women were in the majority in the eastern United States, they were rare out West. For a cowboy, finding a wife was about as hard as catching a grizzly with a lasso!



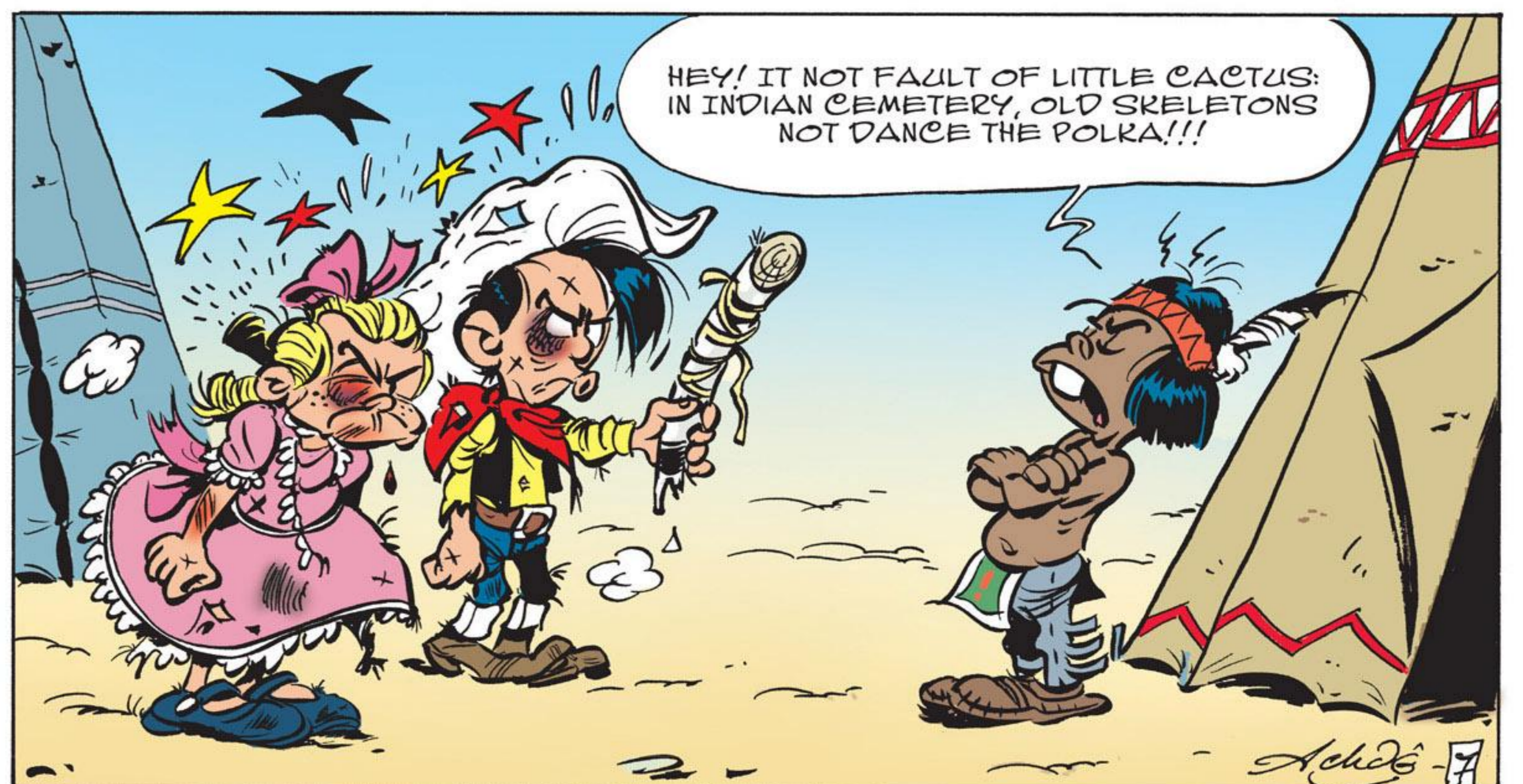
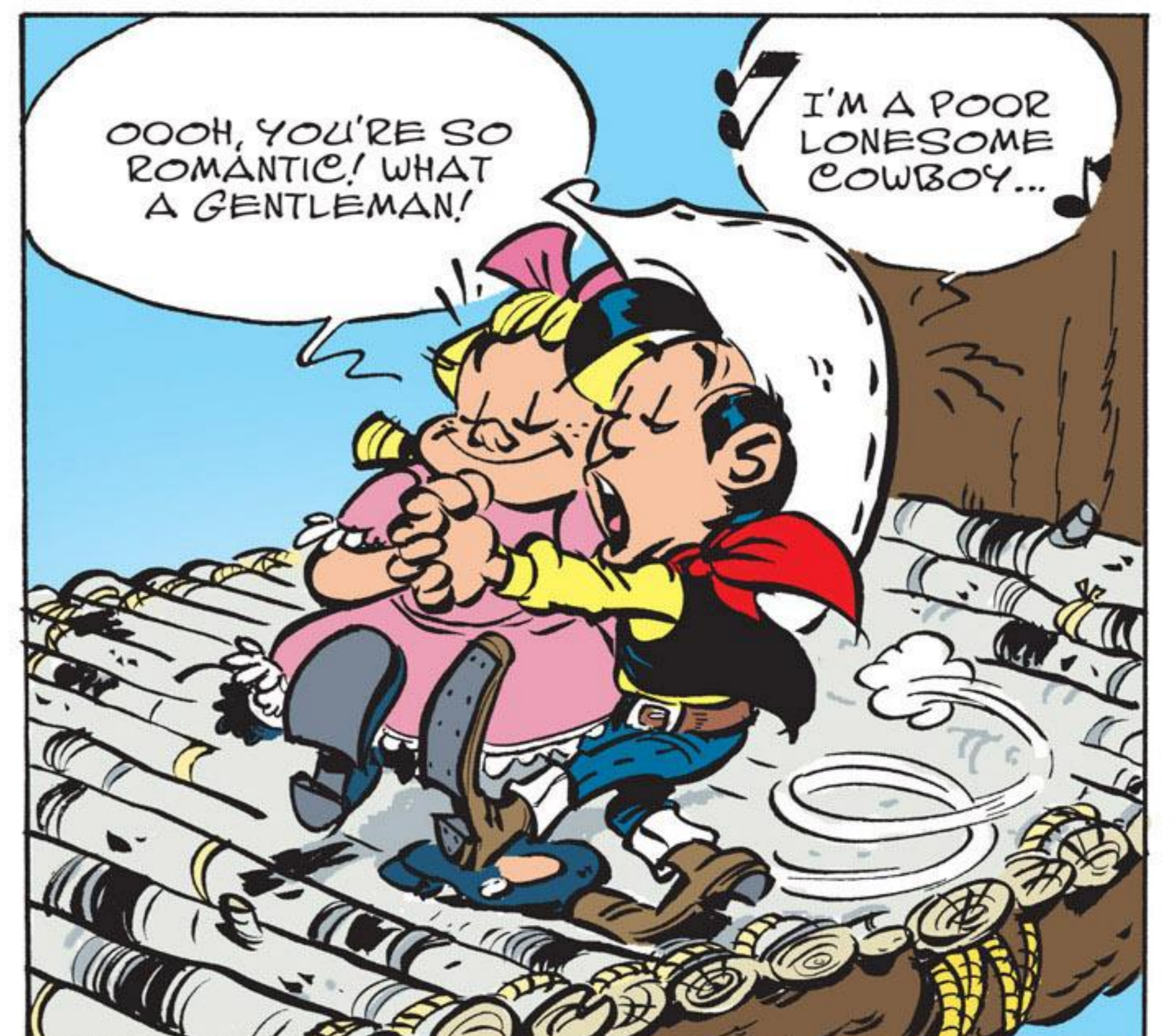
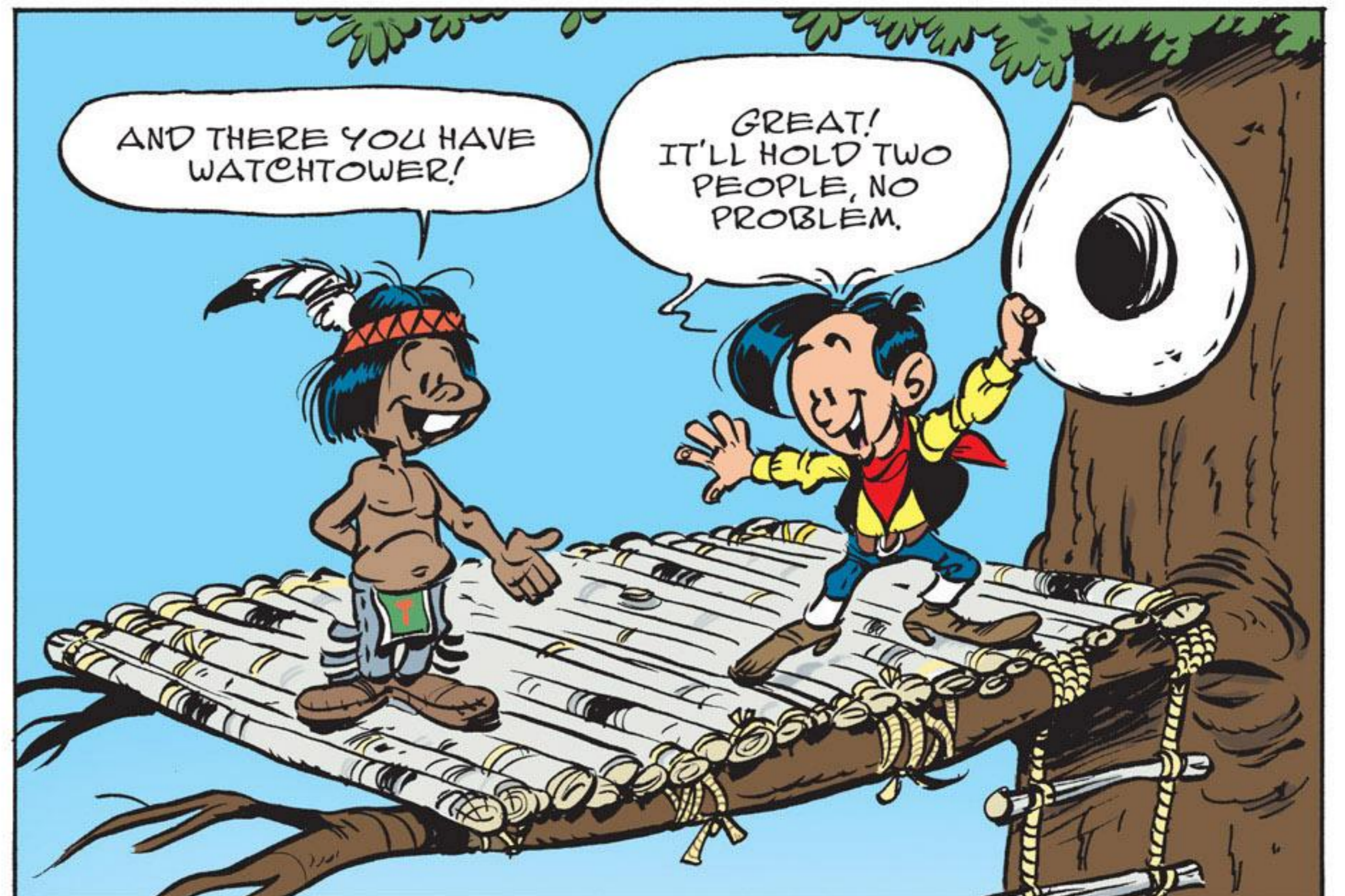
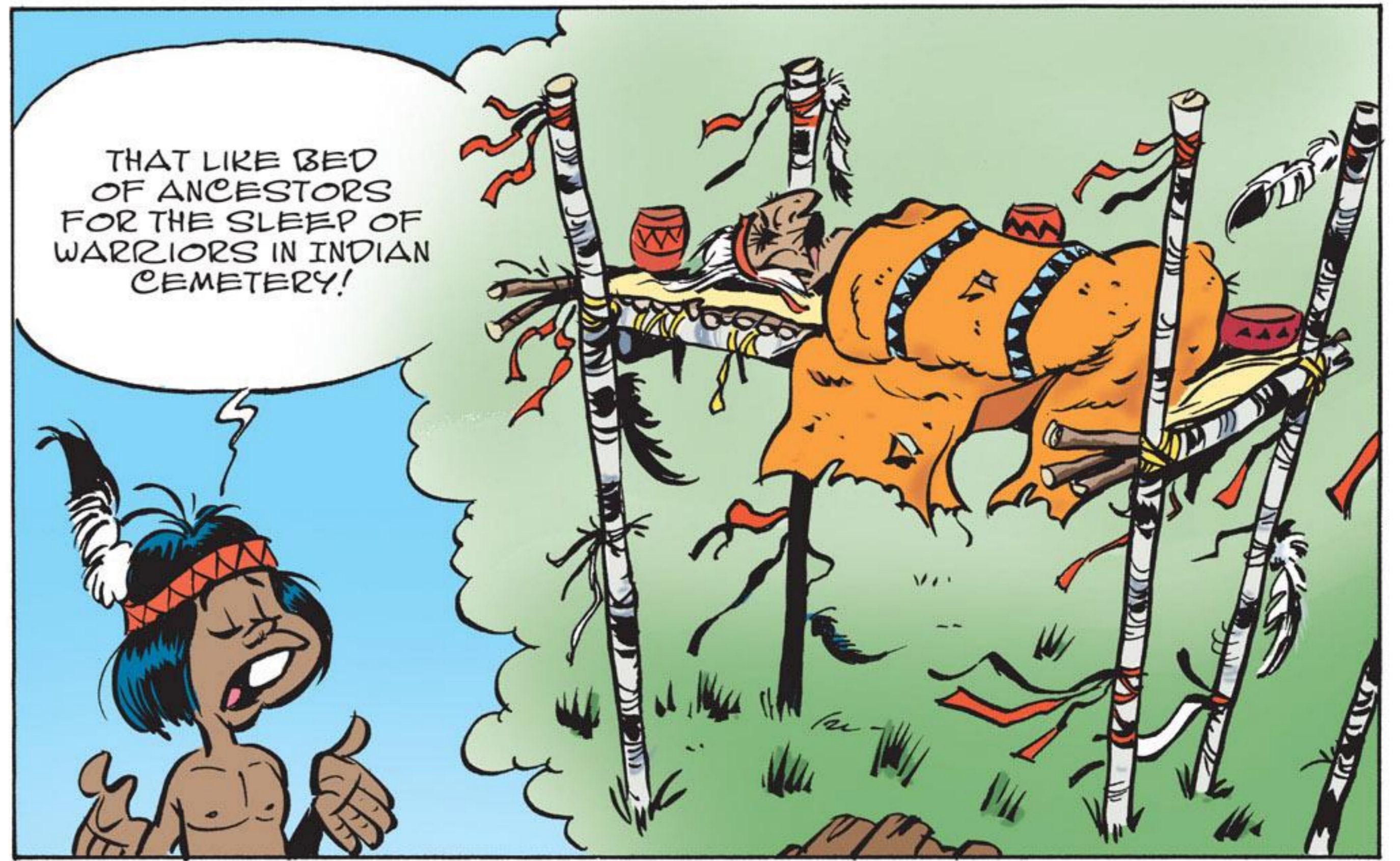
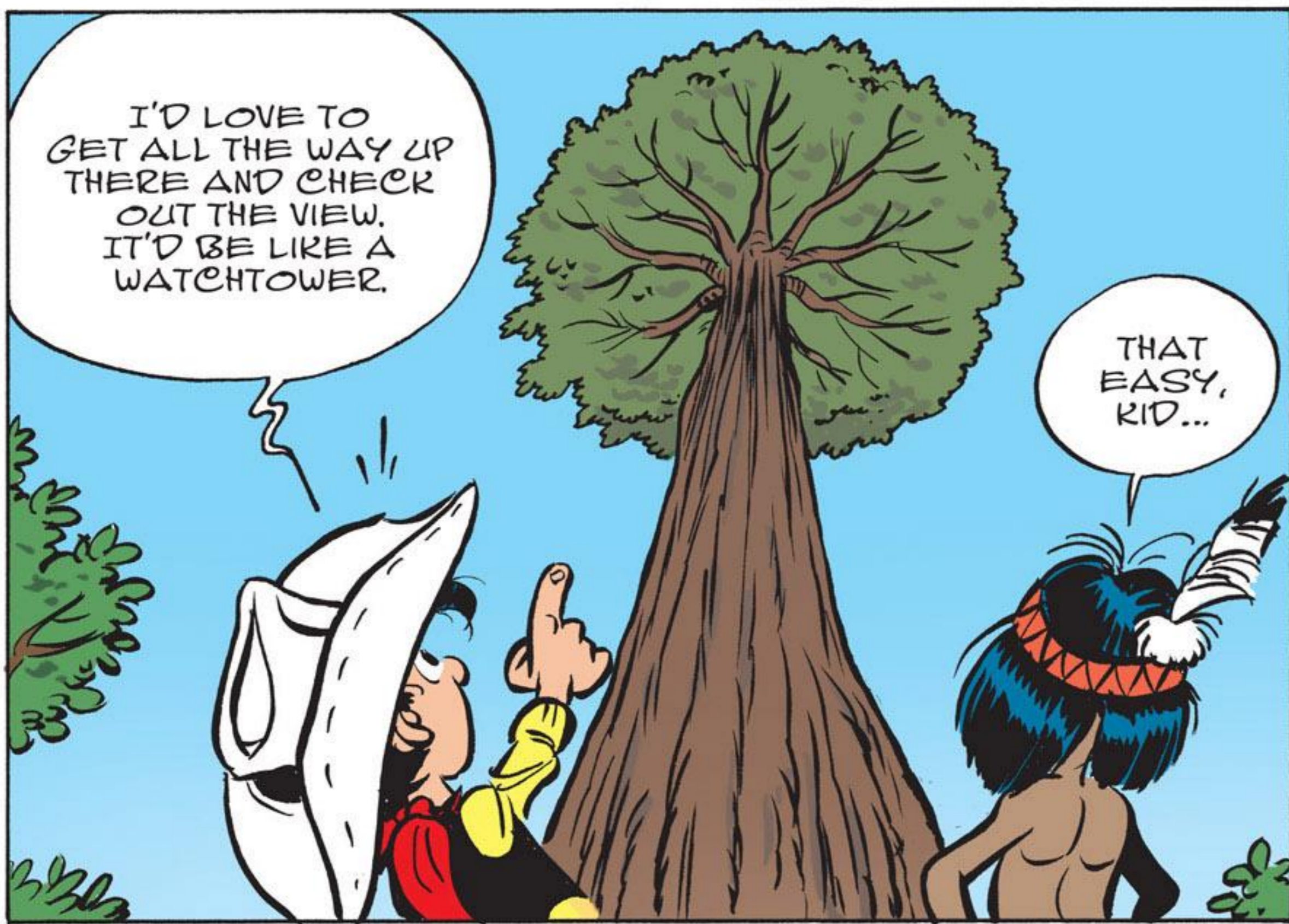
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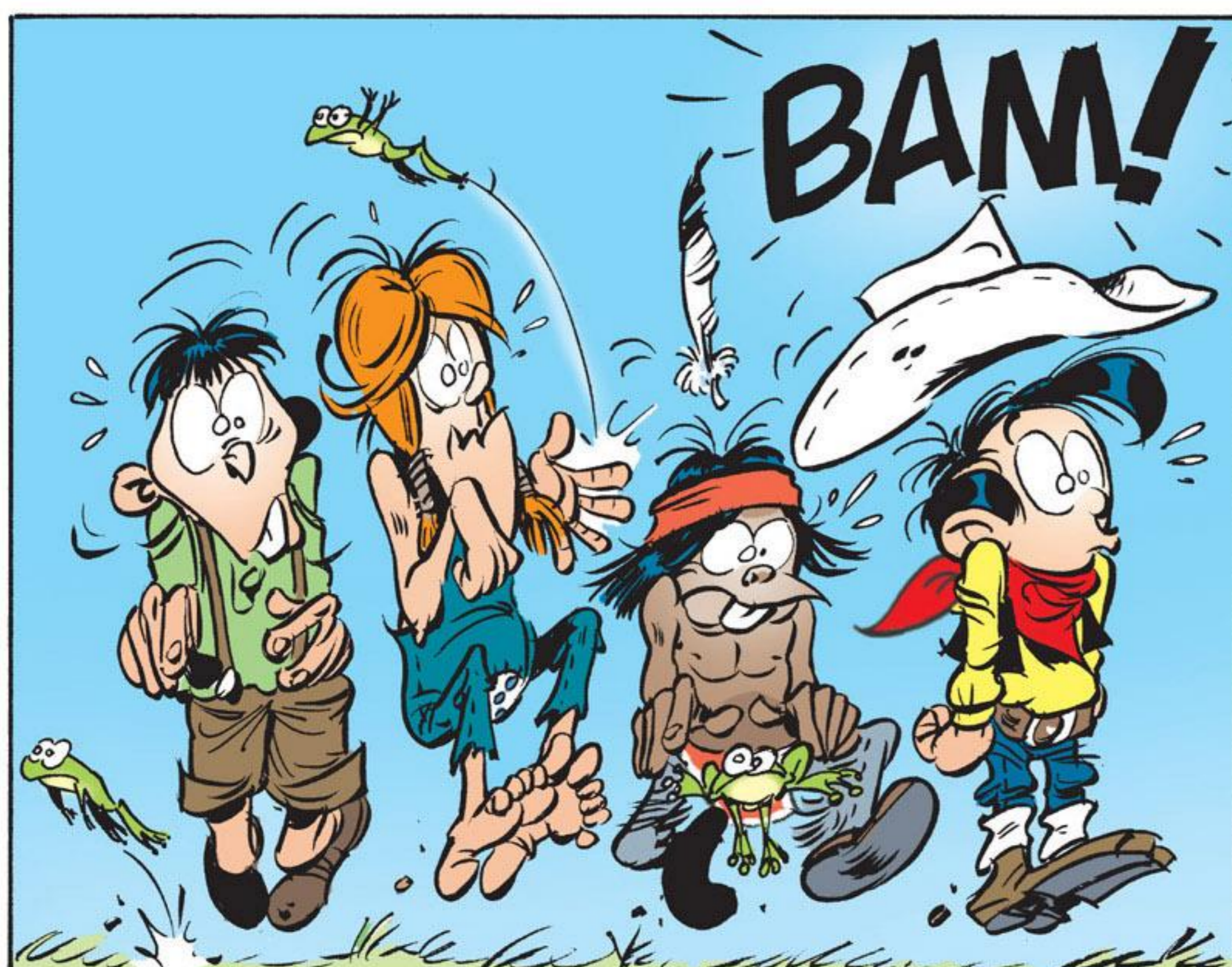
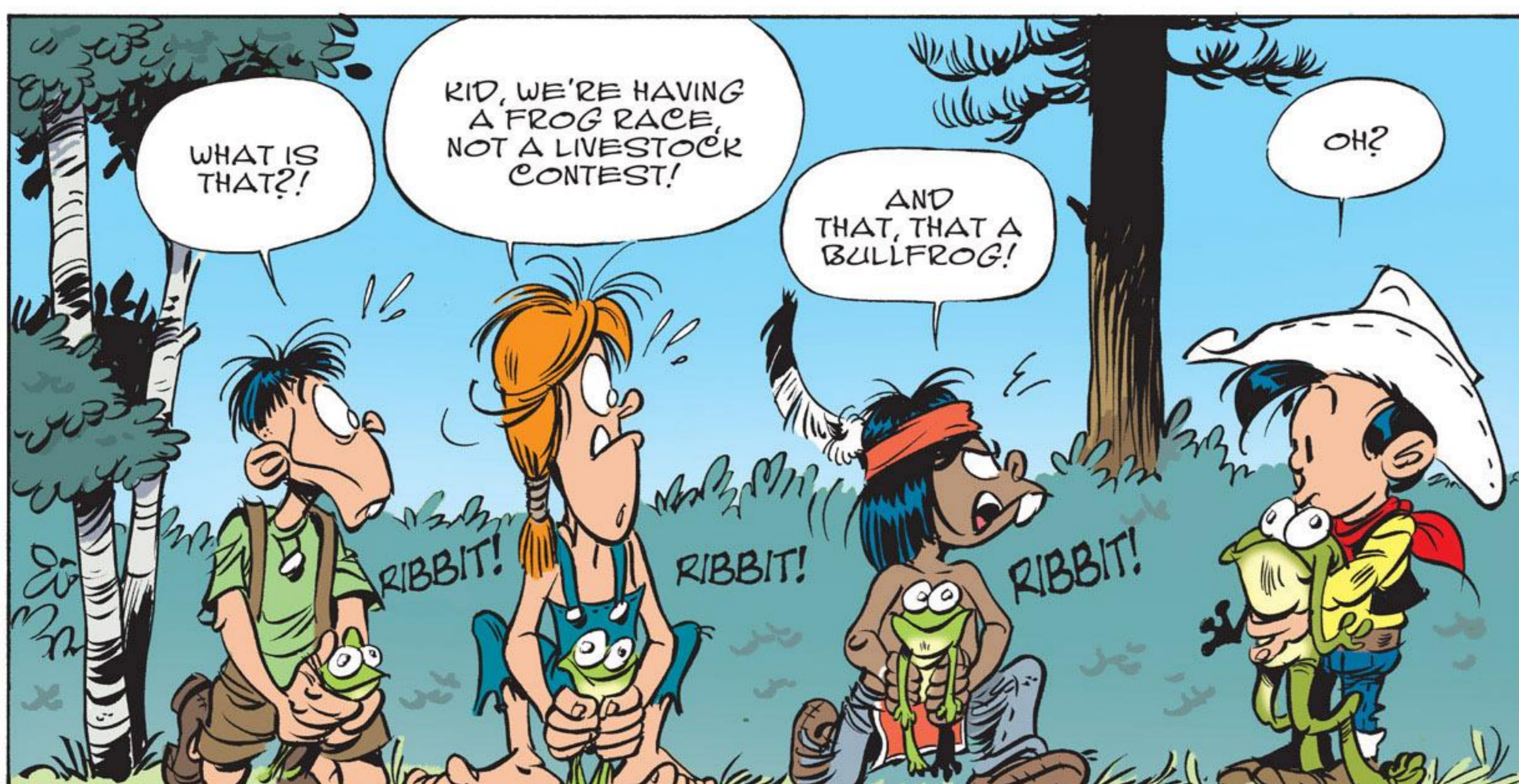
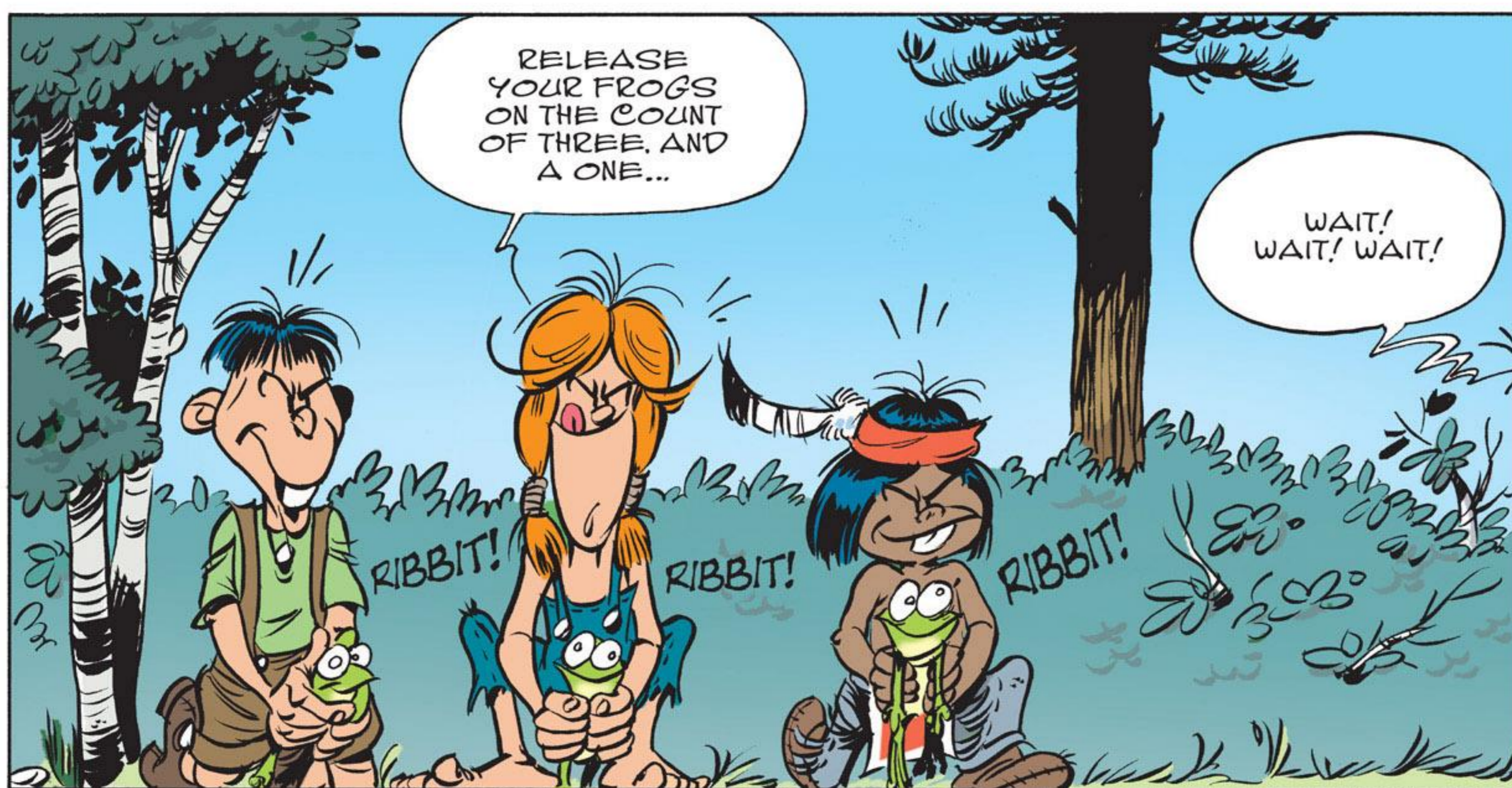
Would you believe? The game of marbles has existed since ancient Greece and is played all over the world. Sometimes, cowboys who were short on bullets or too cheap to buy more would pick up marbles to load in their six-shooters!



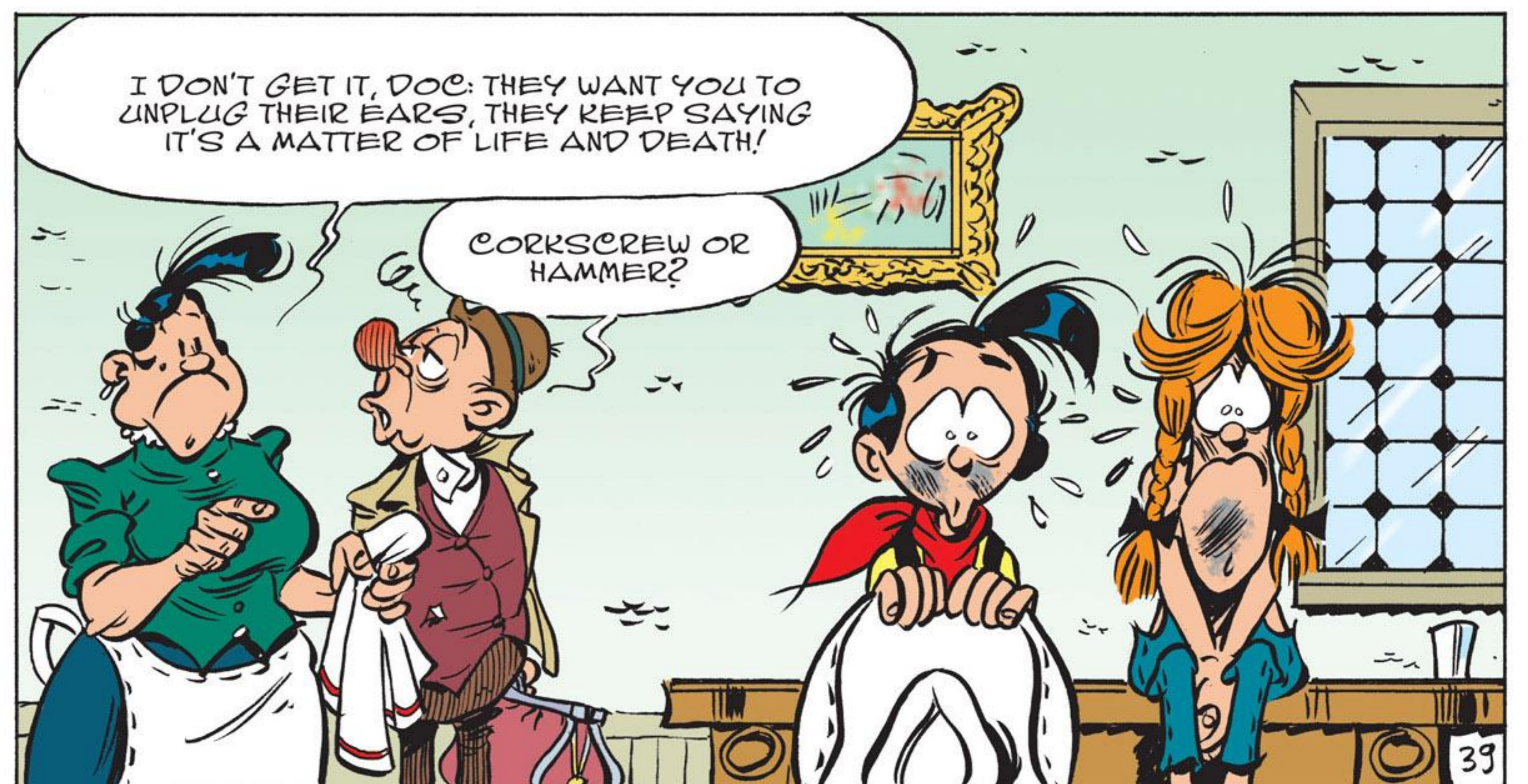
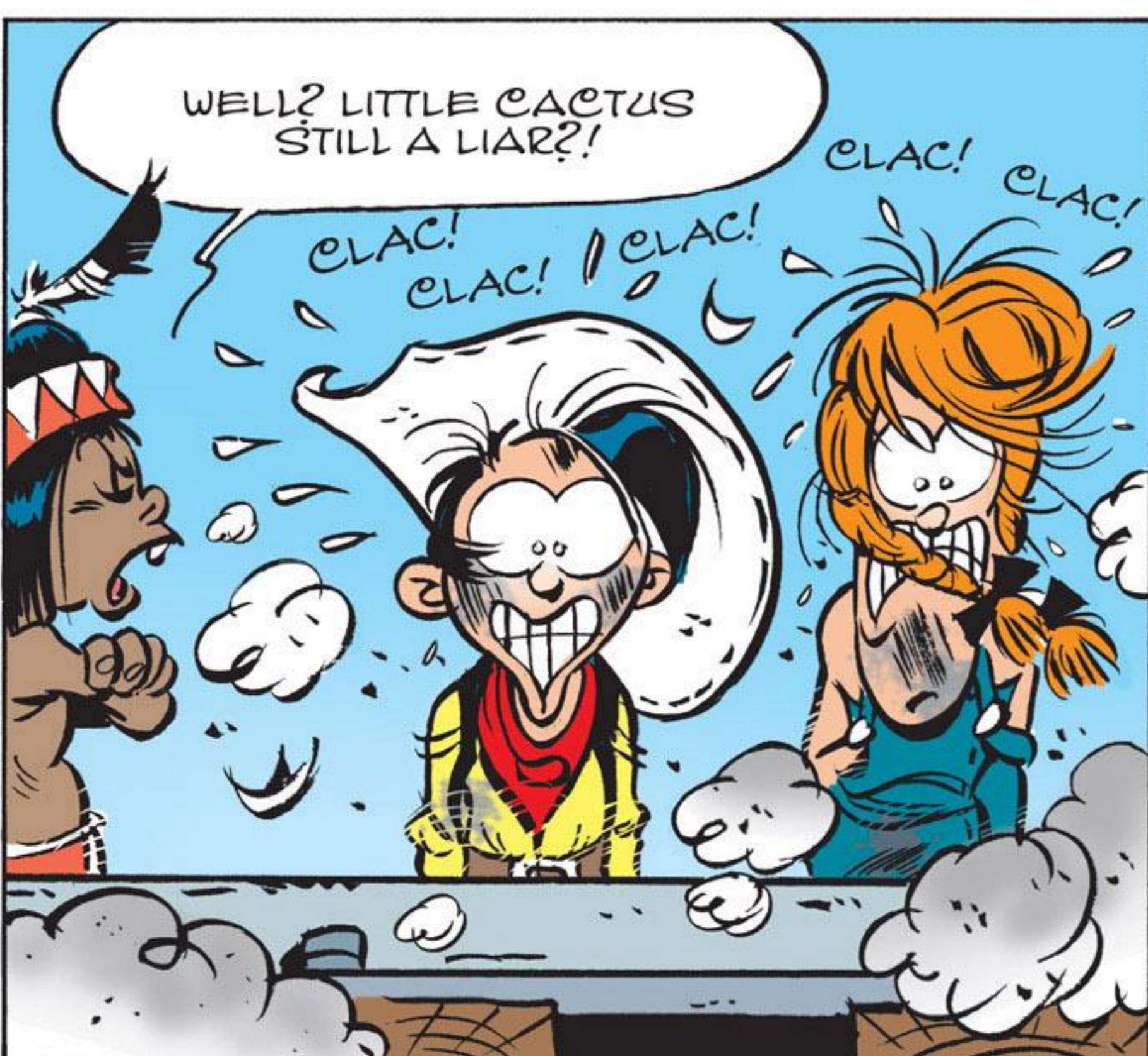
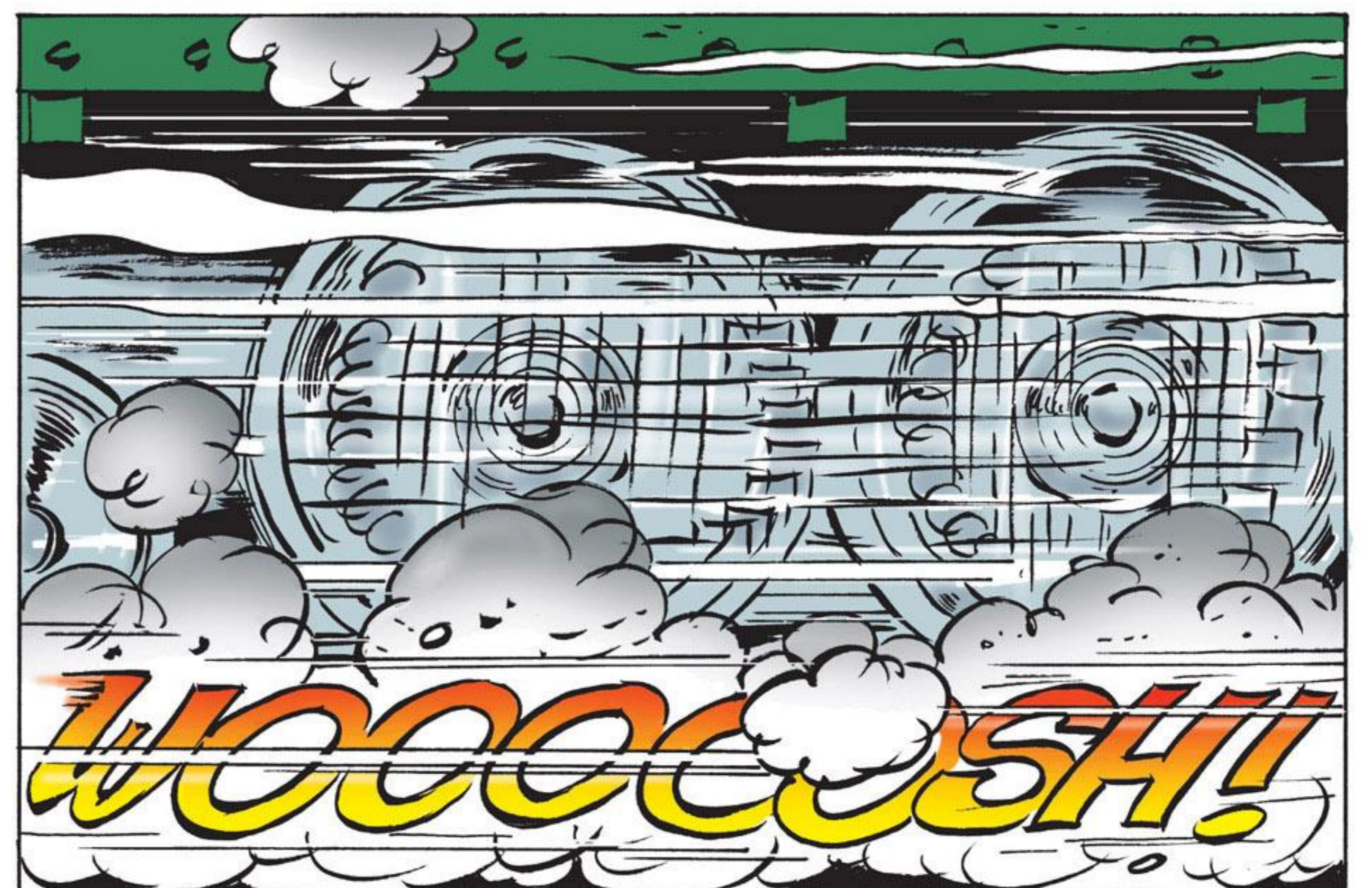
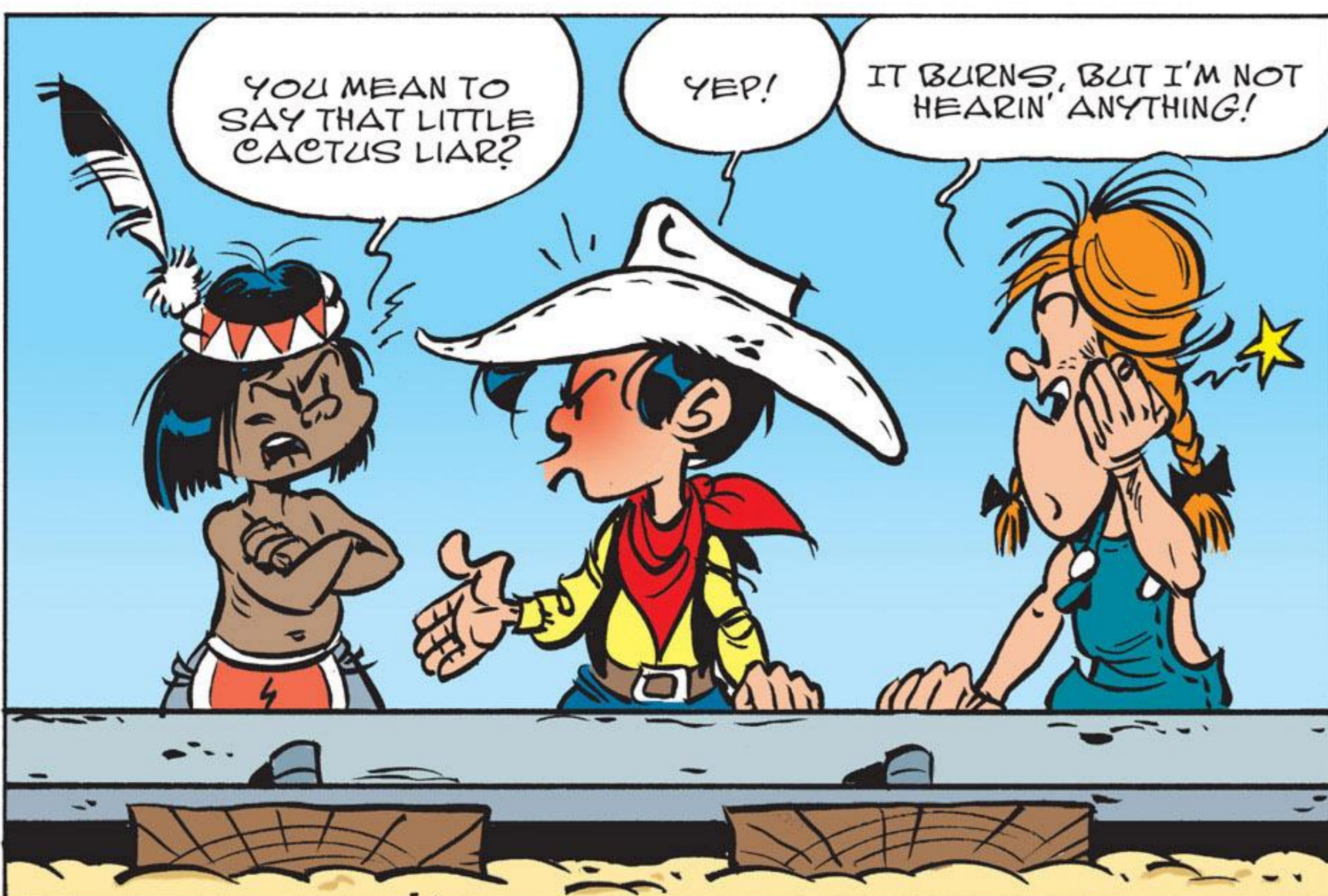
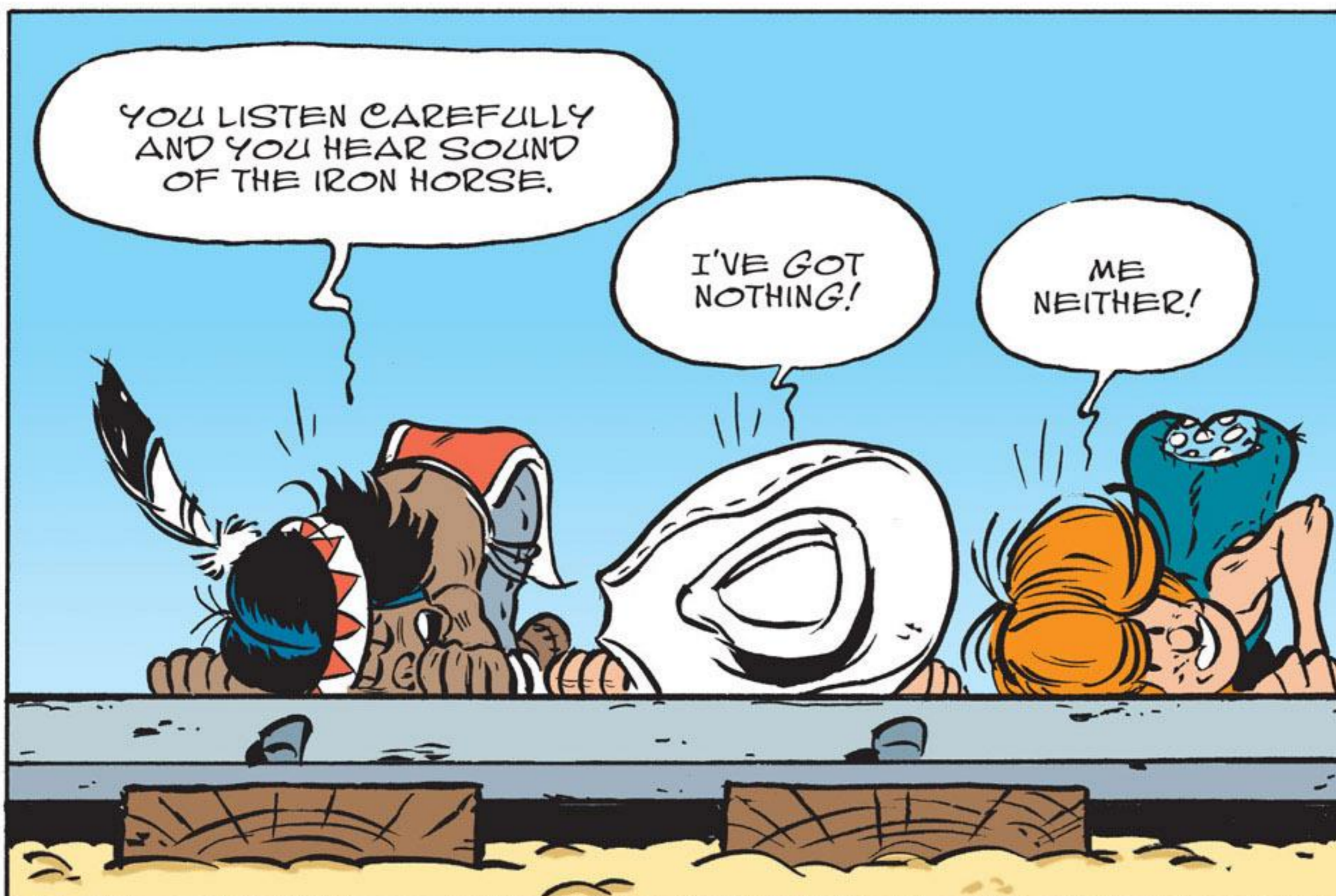
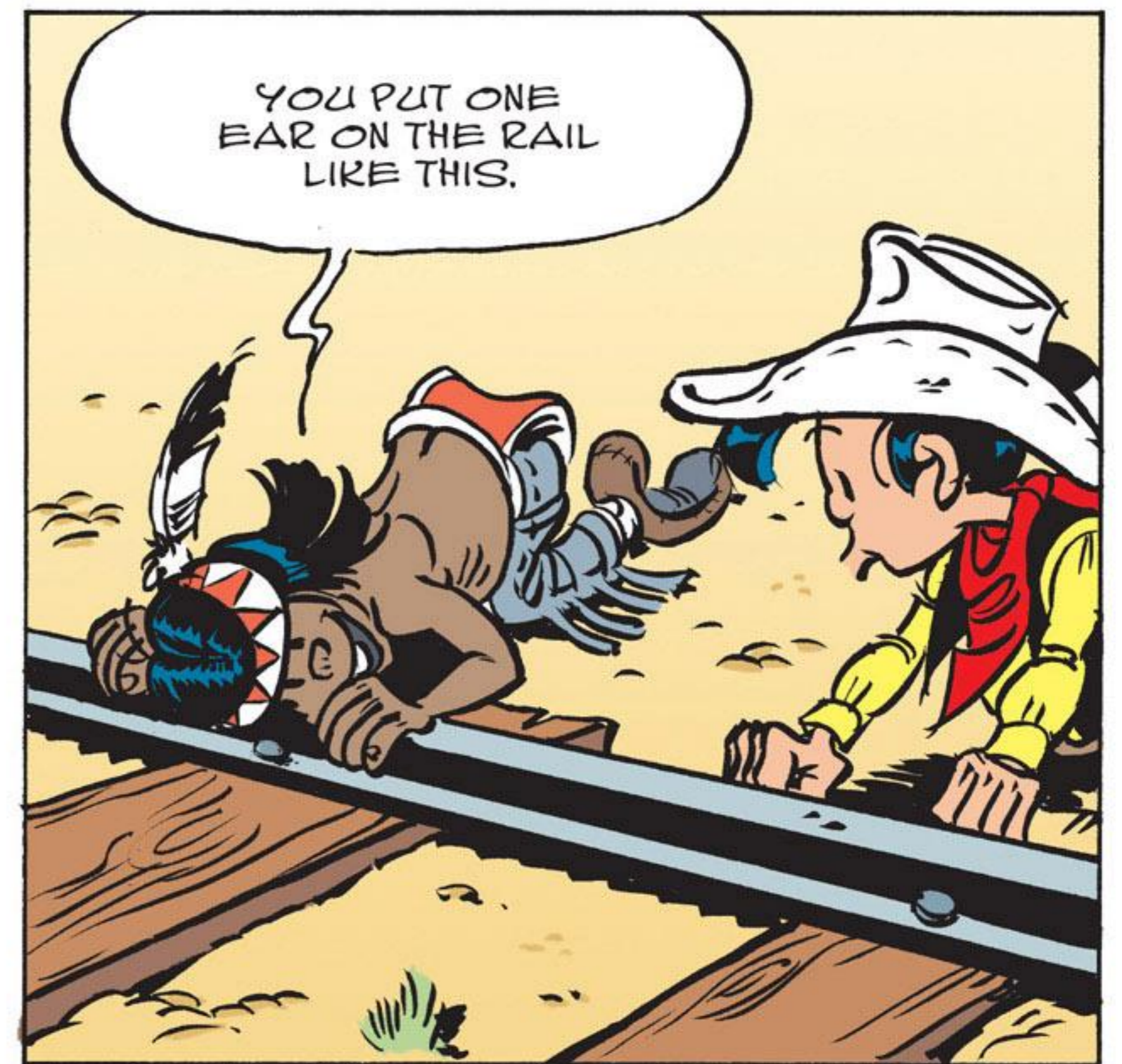
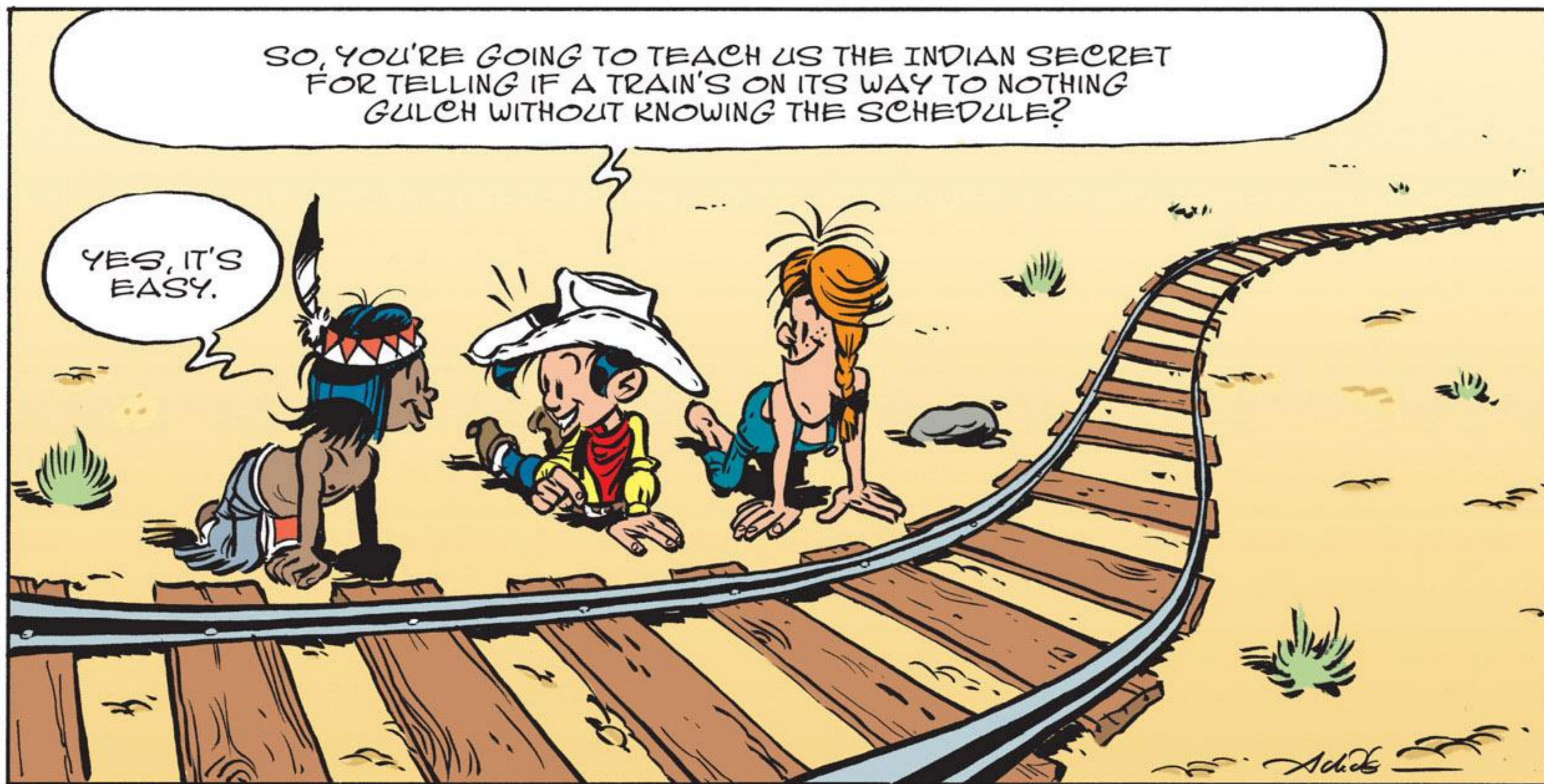
Would you believe? The banana became popular very quickly in the United States. Imported from Jamaica or Central America, bananas were packed in straw between blocks of ice to survive the journey all the way to the plains out West.



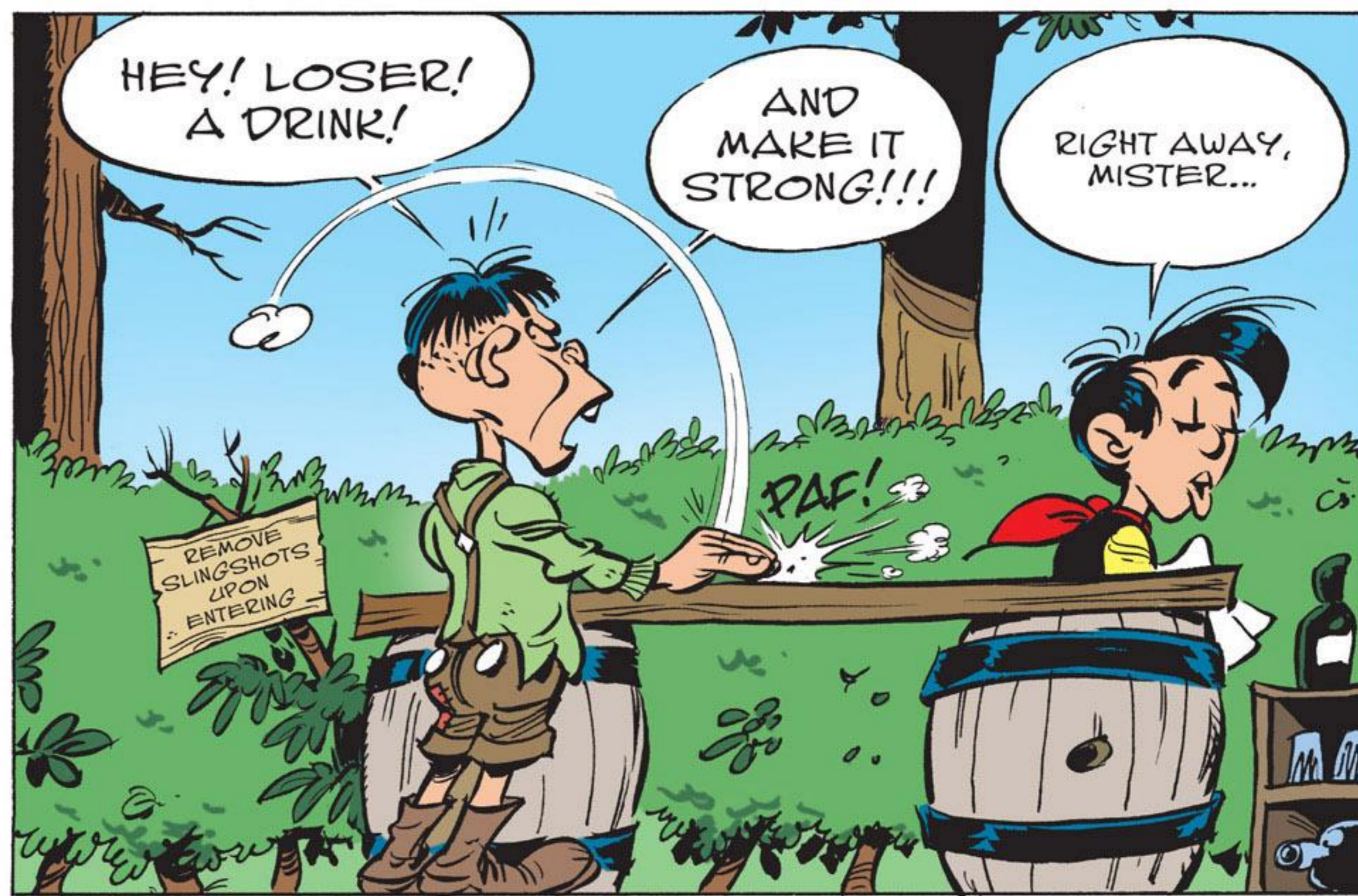
Would you believe? In Sequoia National Park you can find some of the tallest trees in the United States. The General Sherman Tree, for example, is 275 feet tall with a circumference of over 100 feet. You could make billions of matches out of it!



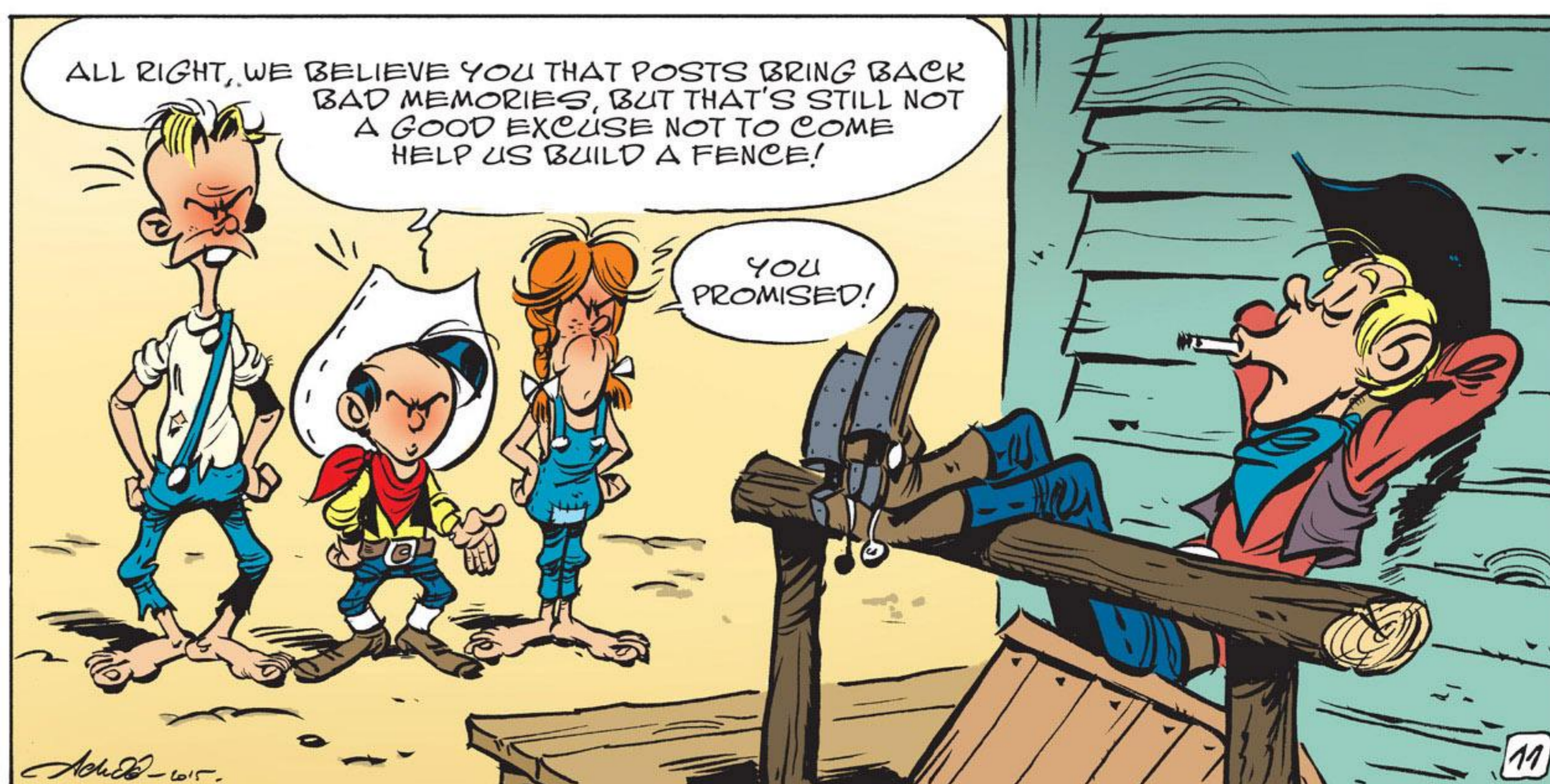
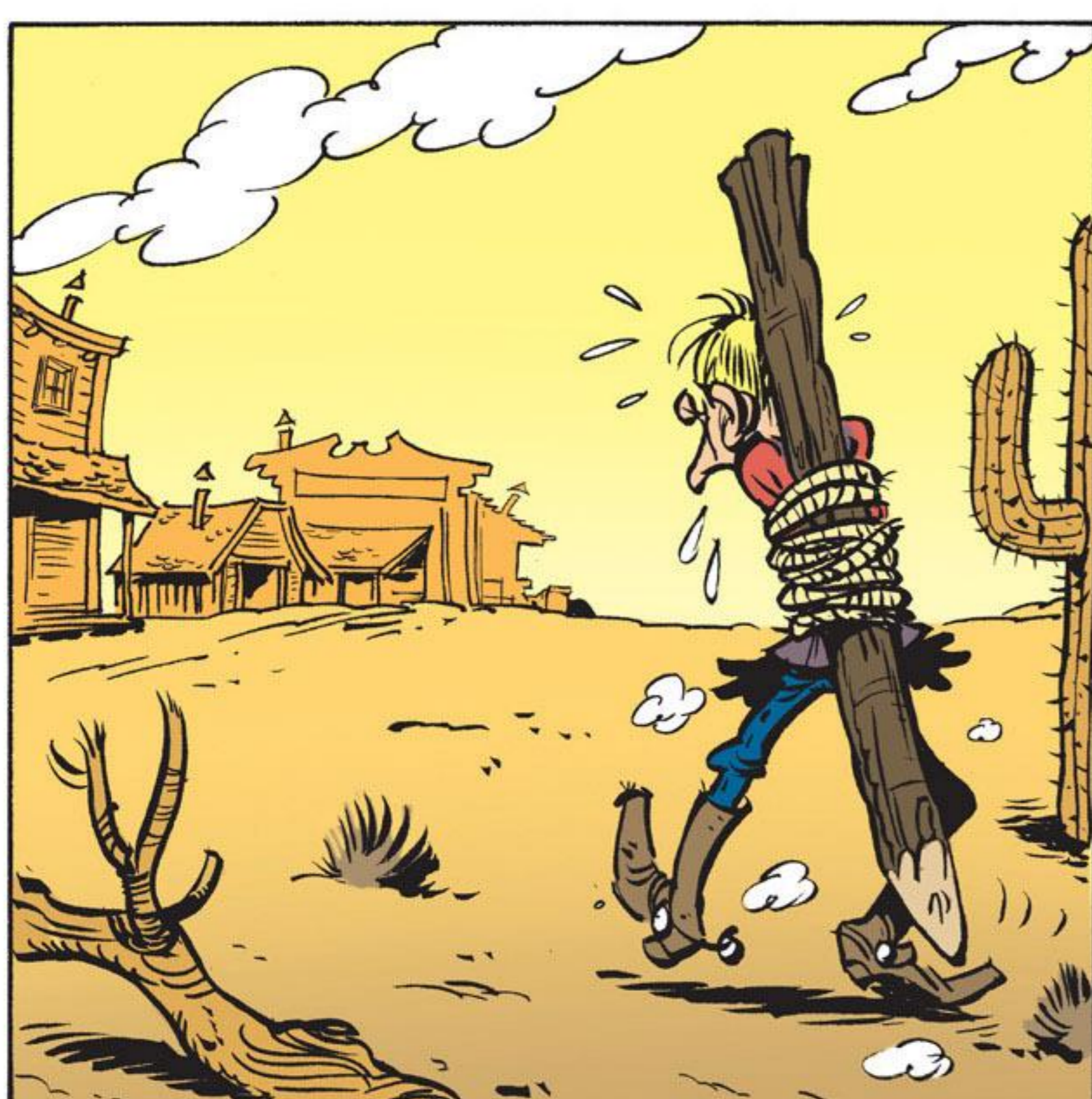
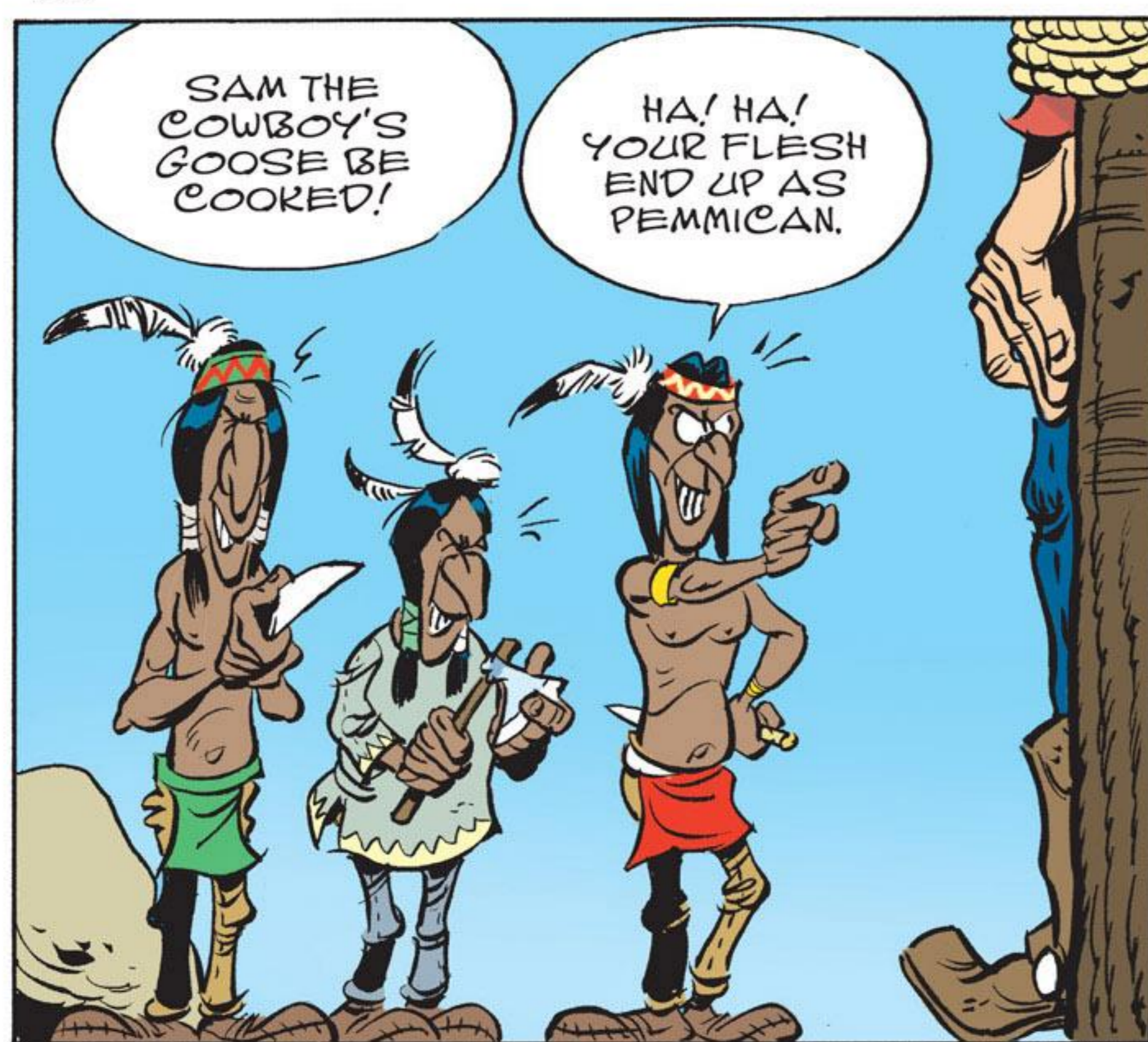
Would you believe? The Cajuns call the bullfrog "ouaouaron" (pronounced like "wawaron"). It's a very fat frog that weighs over two pounds! It has a nasty disposition and will swallow anything, including its siblings. So except for its legs, it's not very popular!



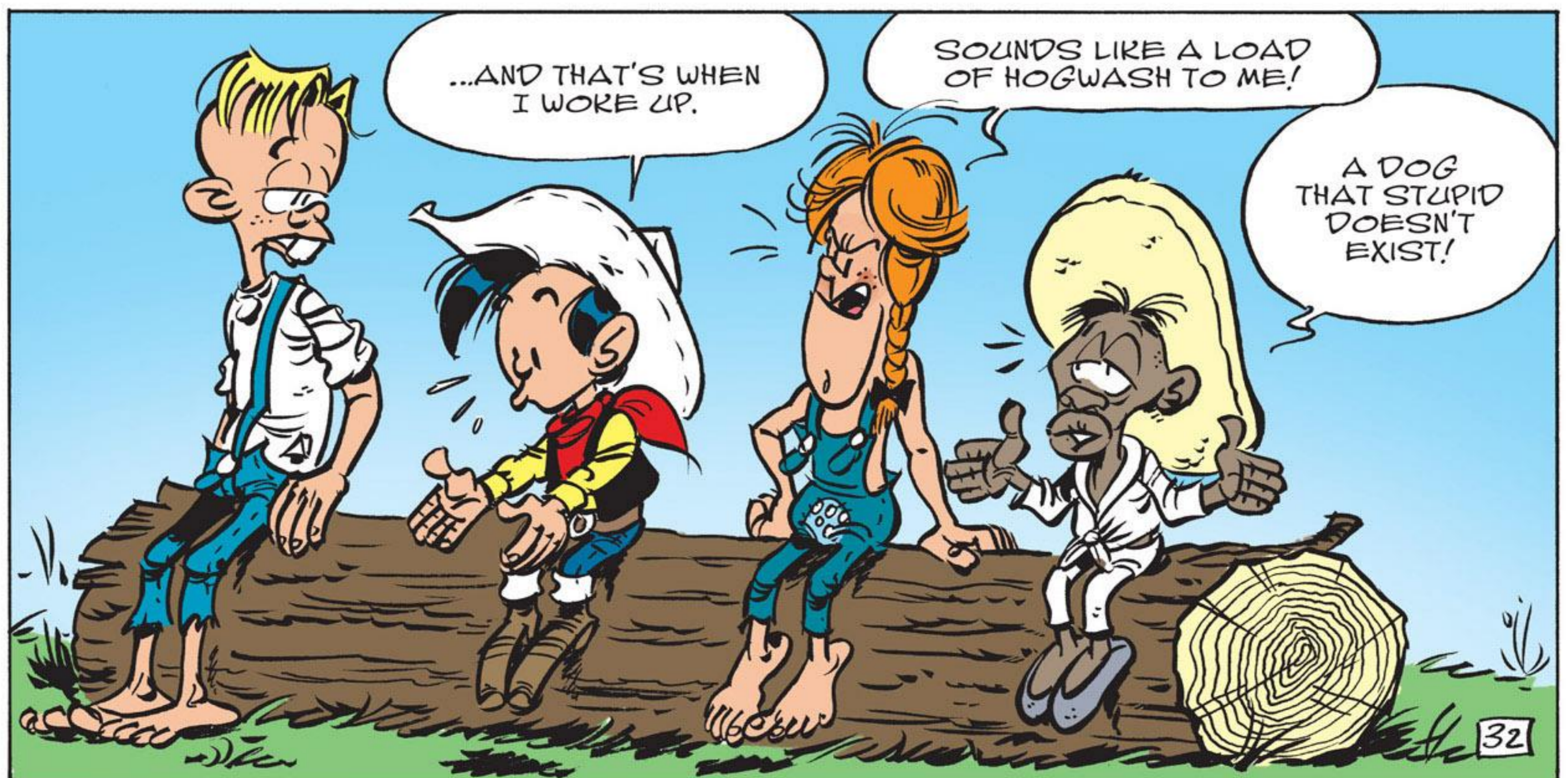
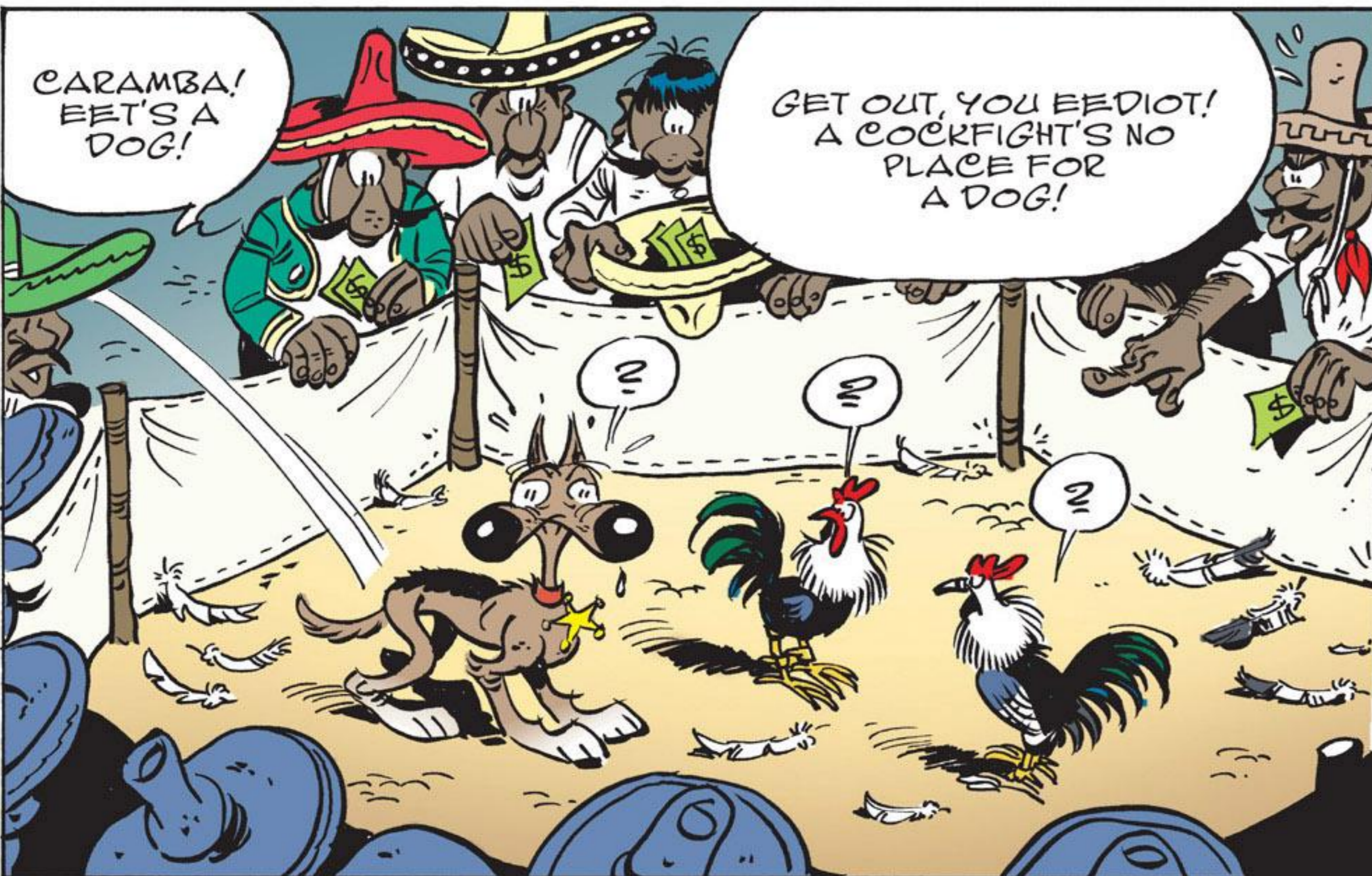
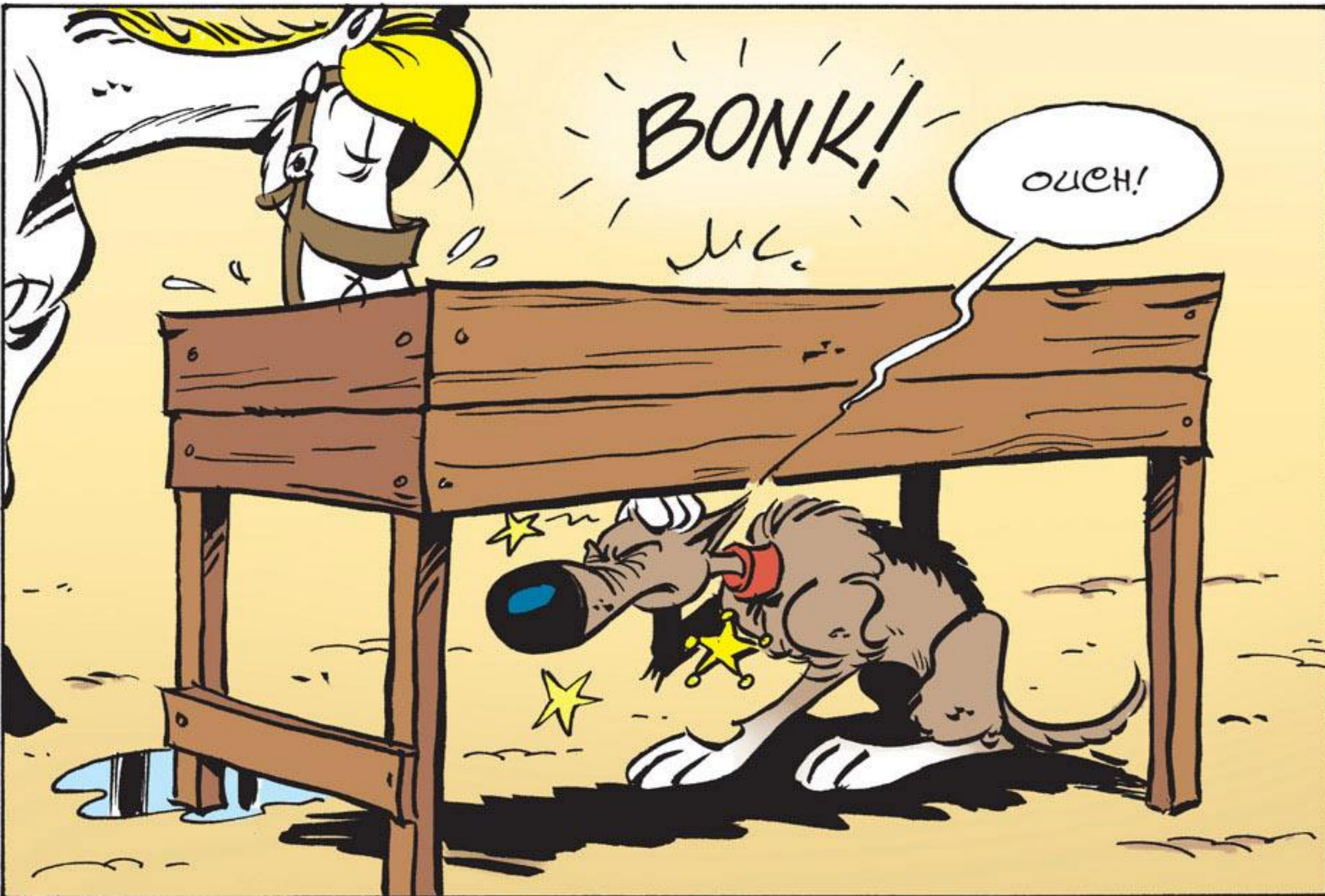
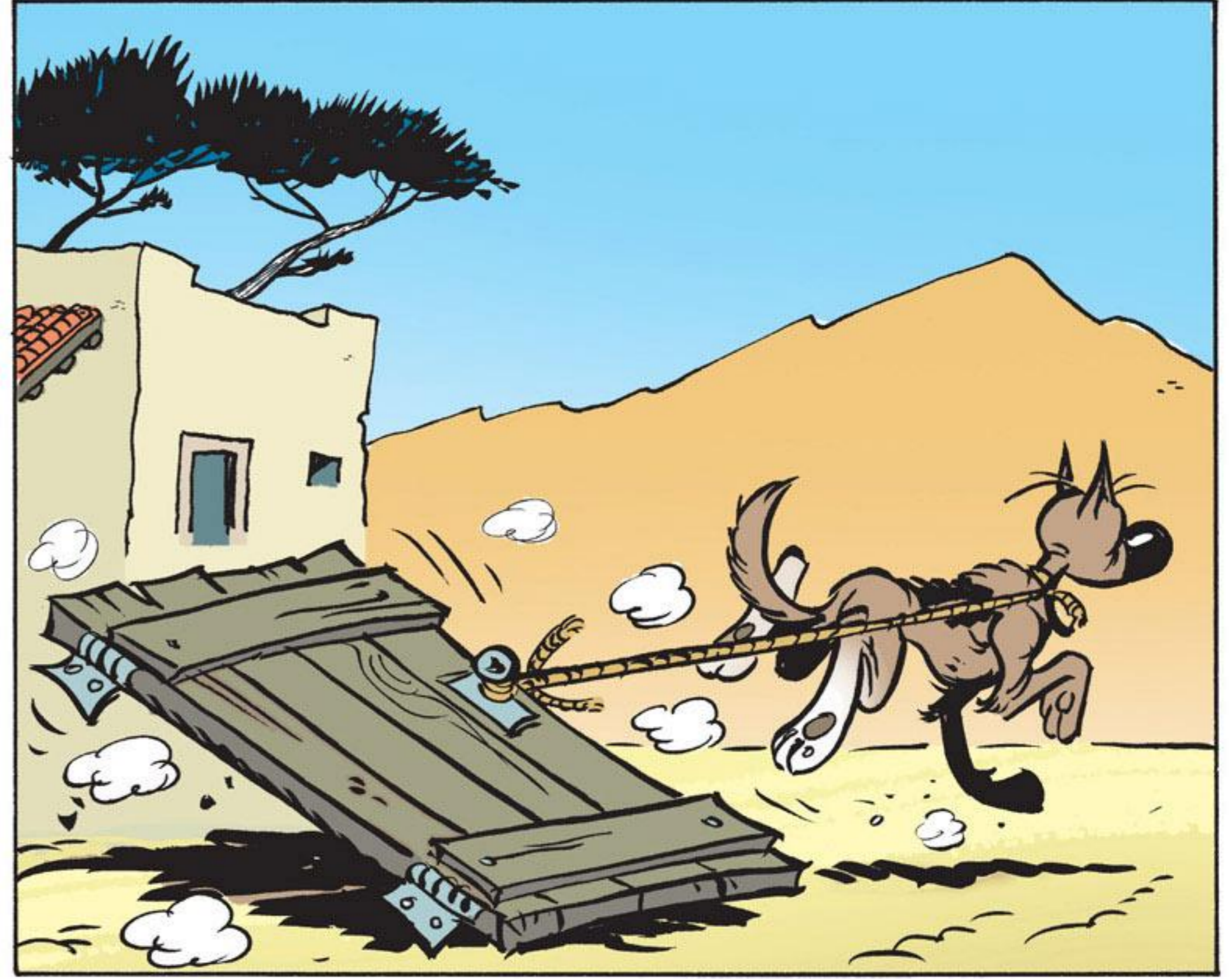
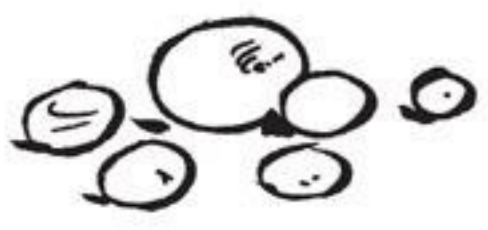
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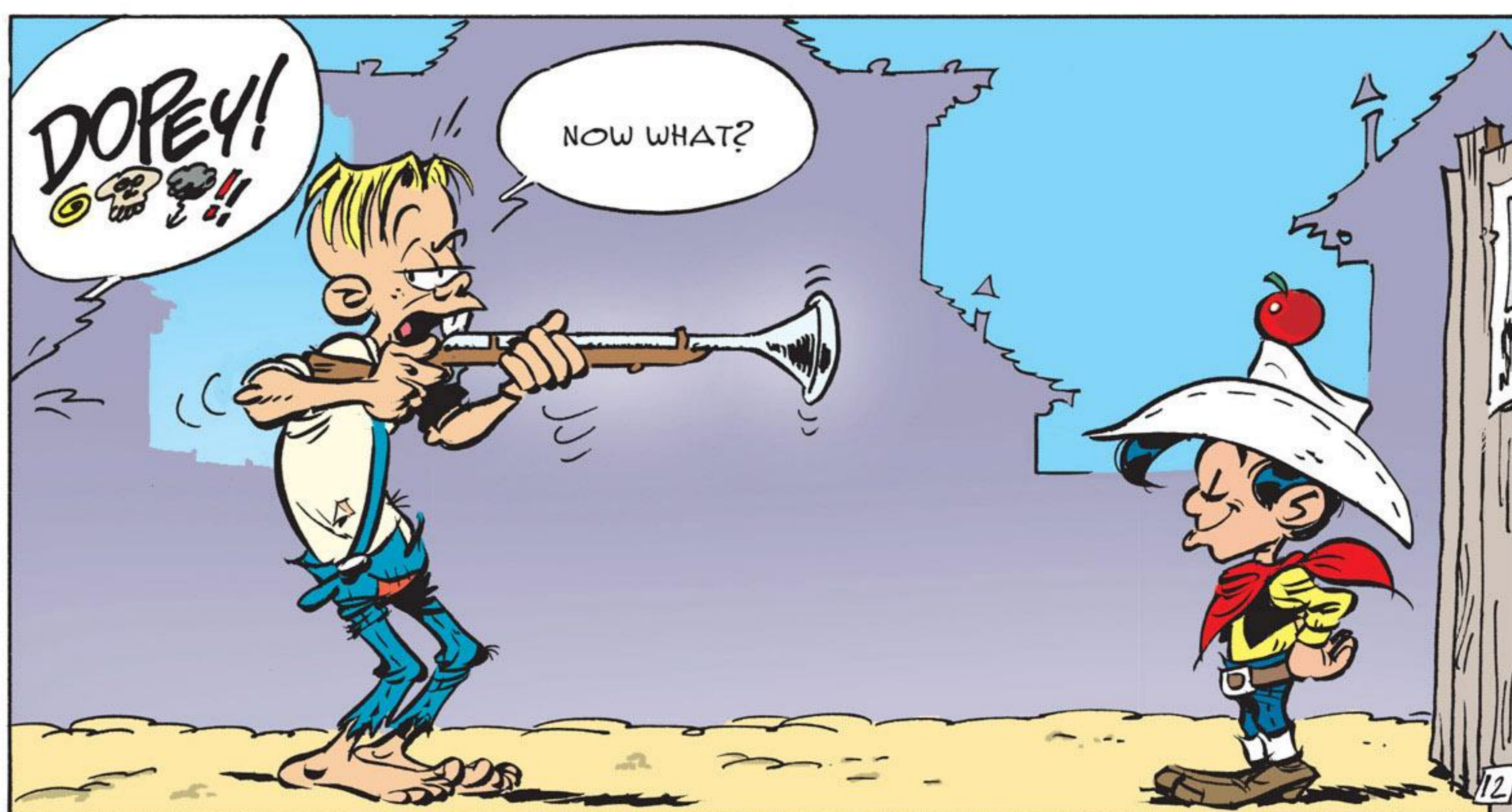
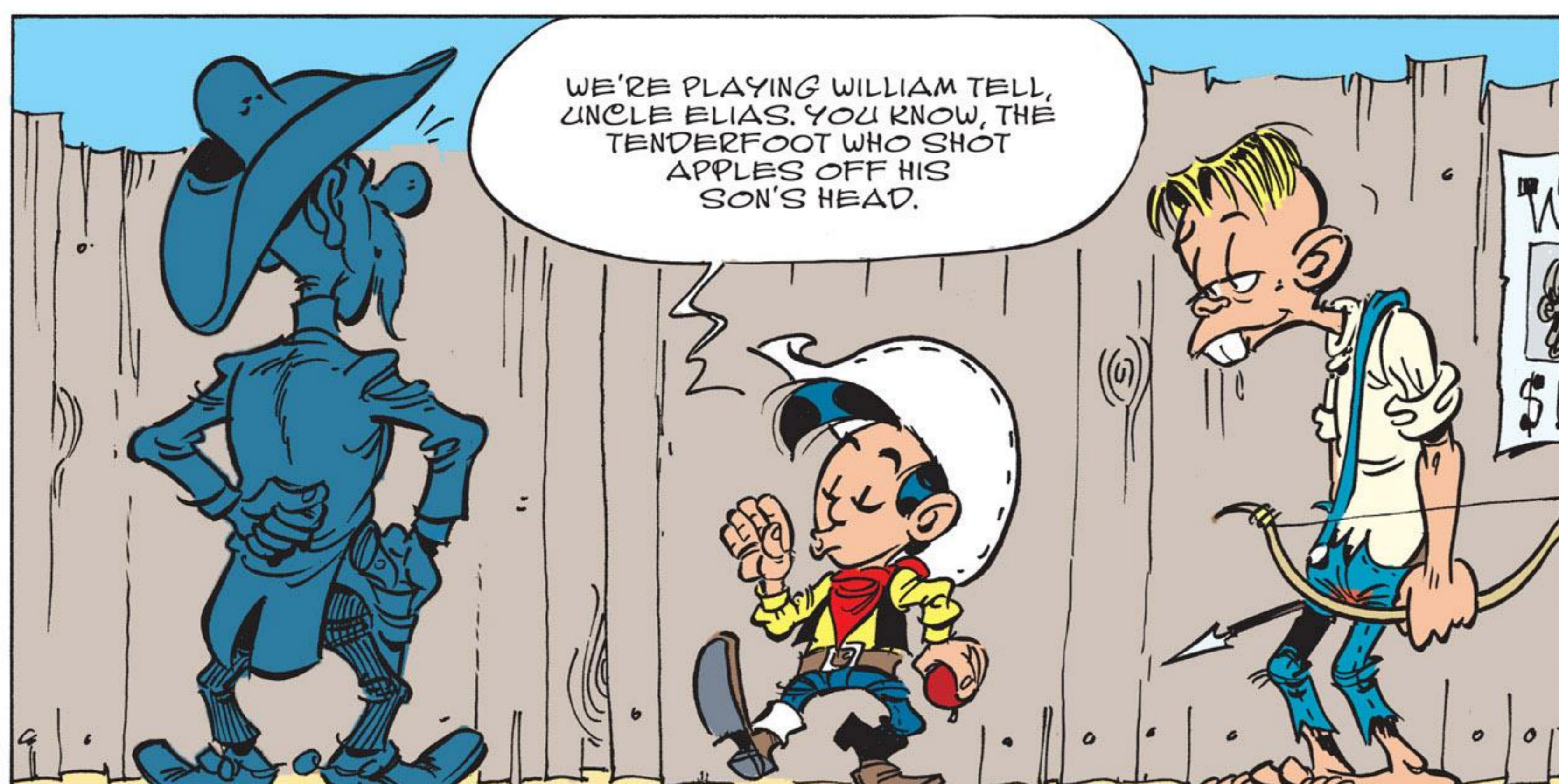
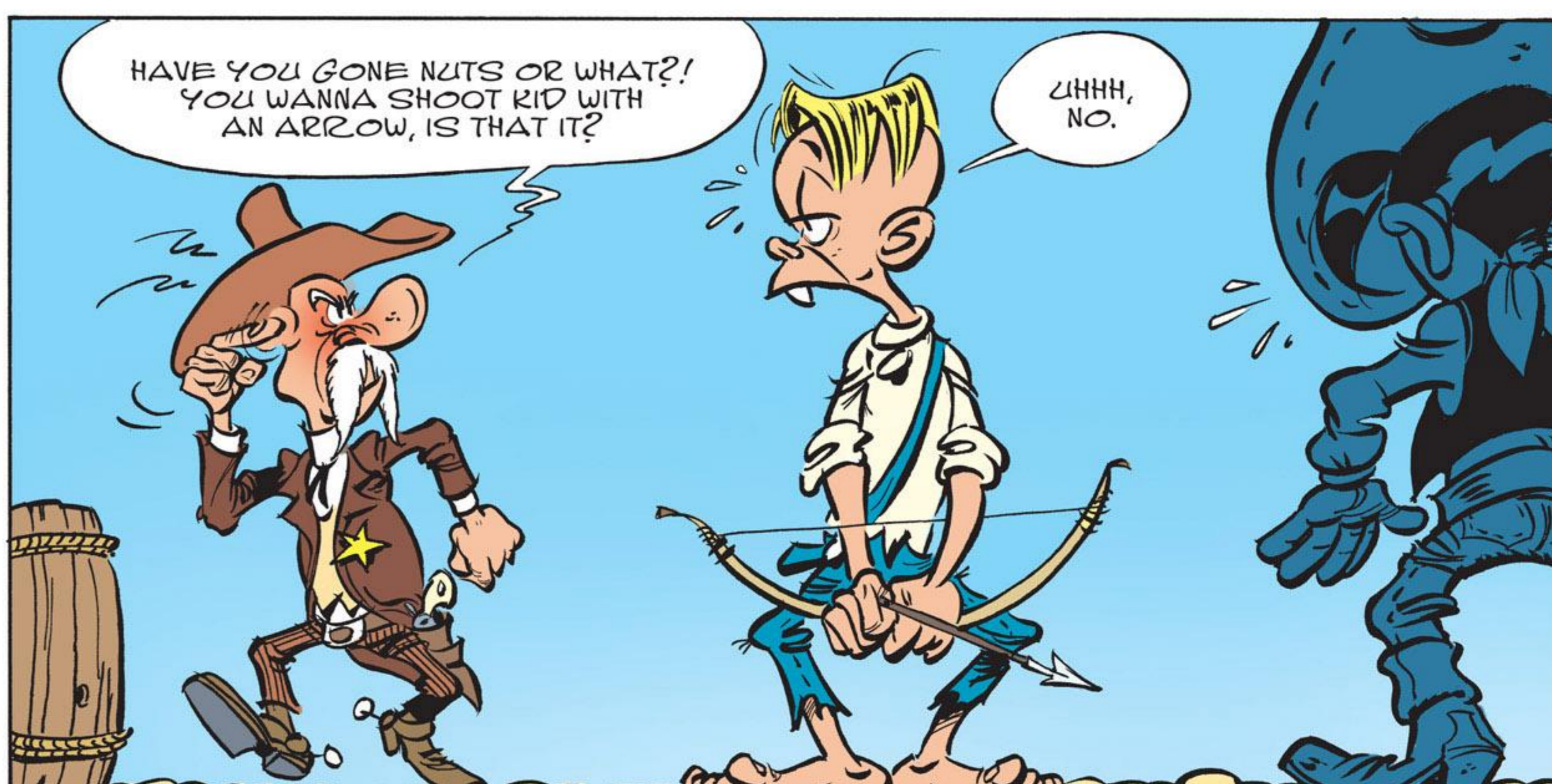
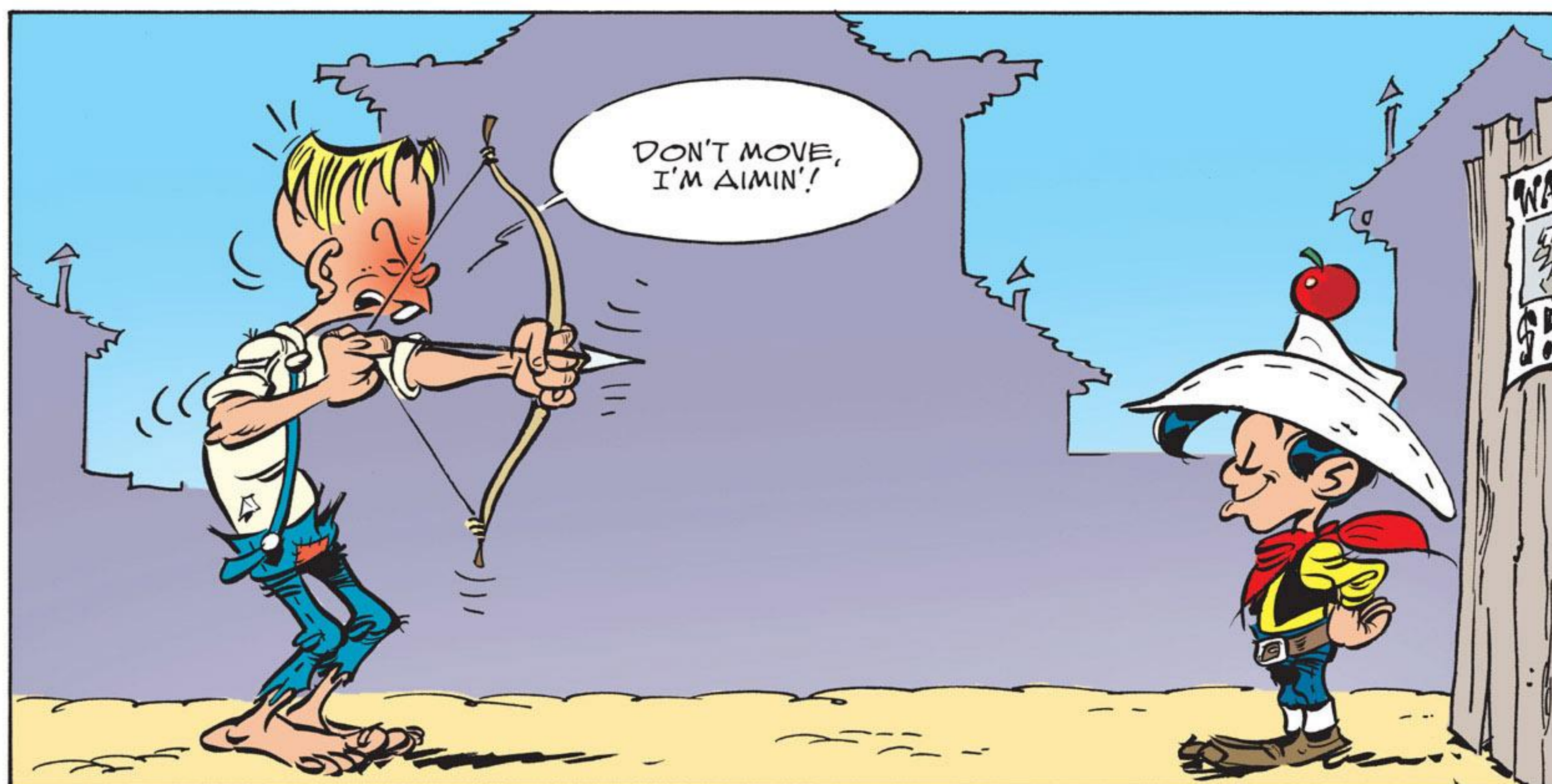
Would you believe? The portrayal of saloons in westerns is often a caricature. Most of the time, saloons were simply a room with an improvised counter and only one type of alcohol: whiskey. Over time, these establishments became fancier, more like actual lounges.



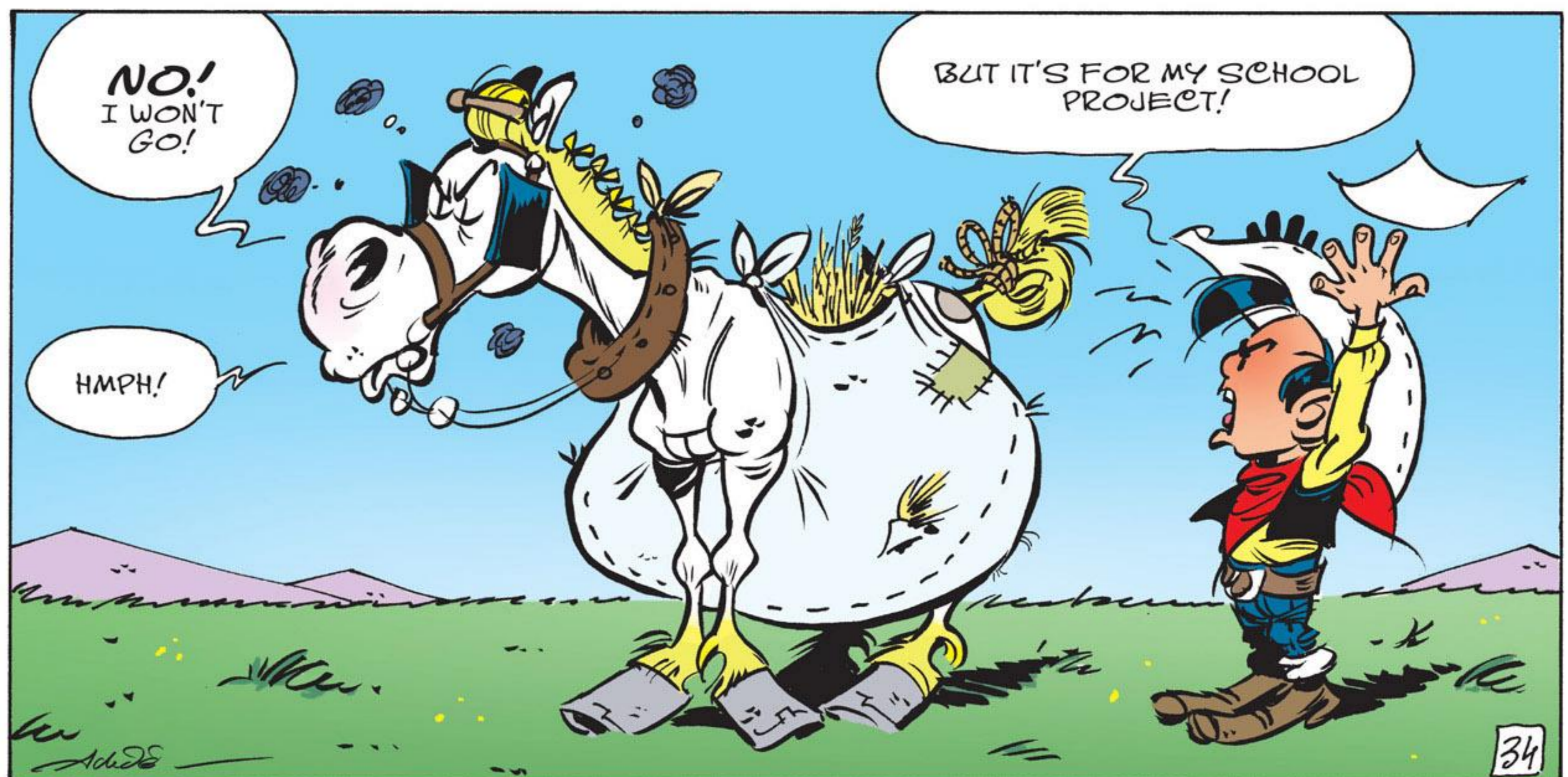
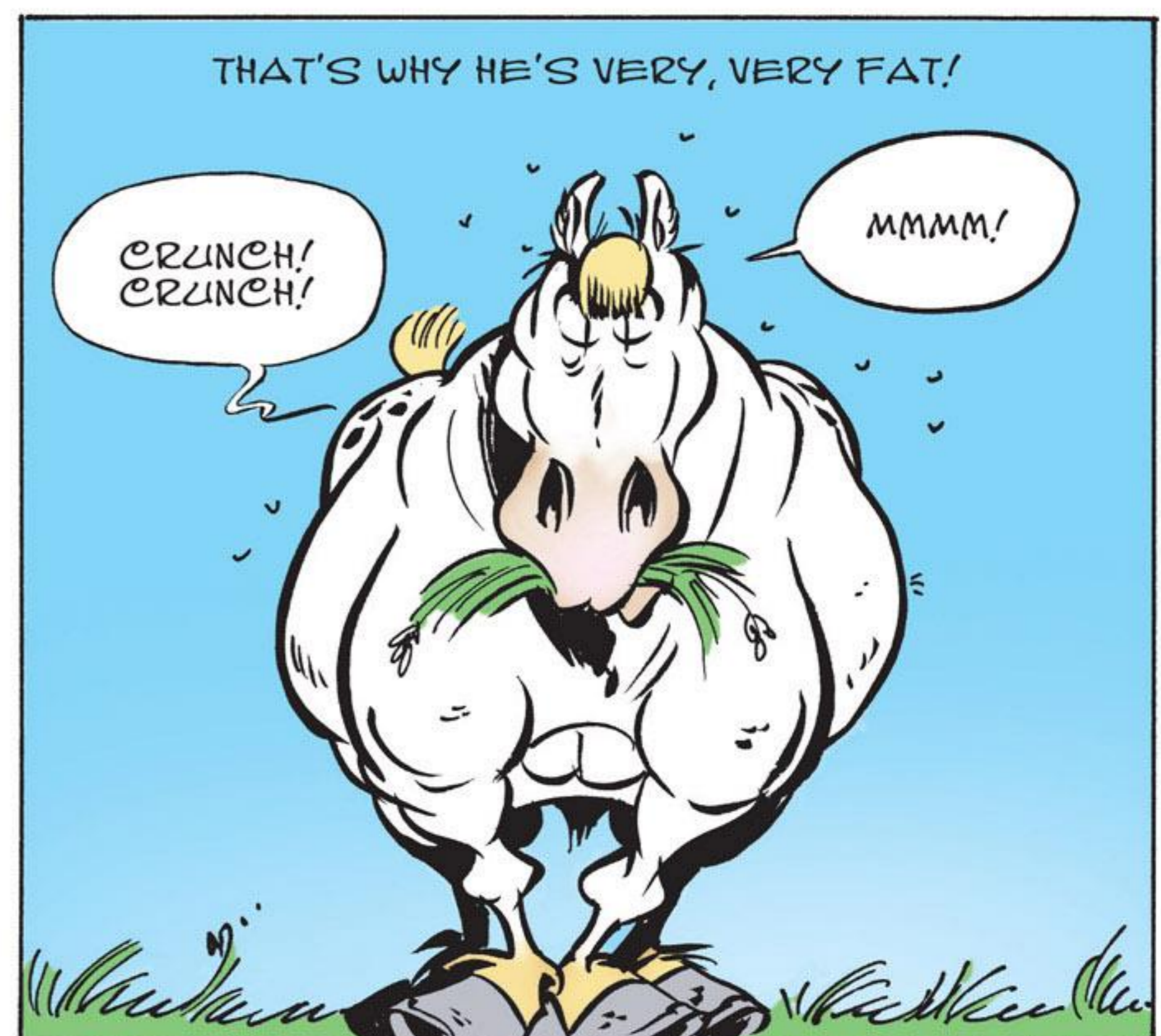
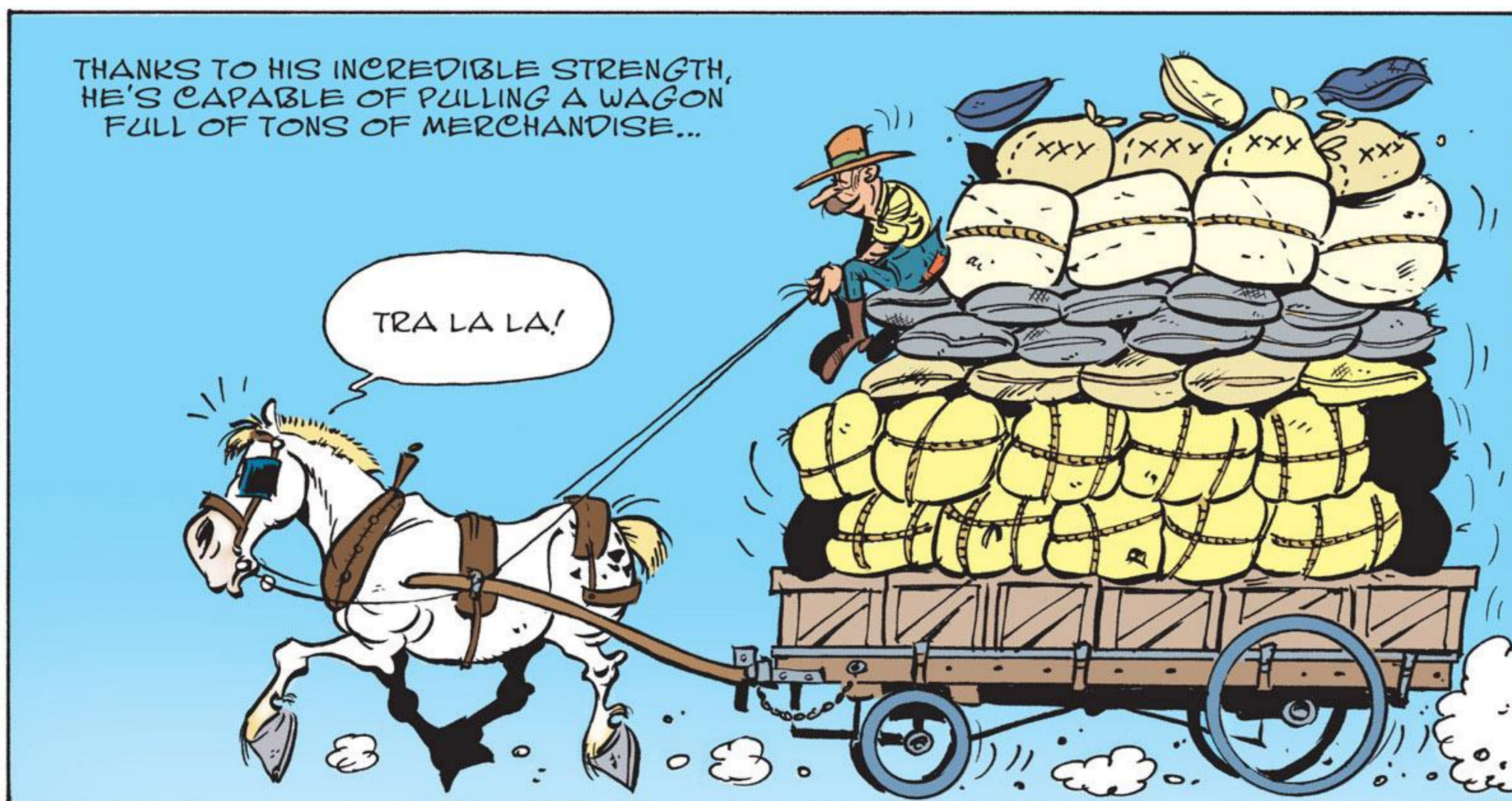
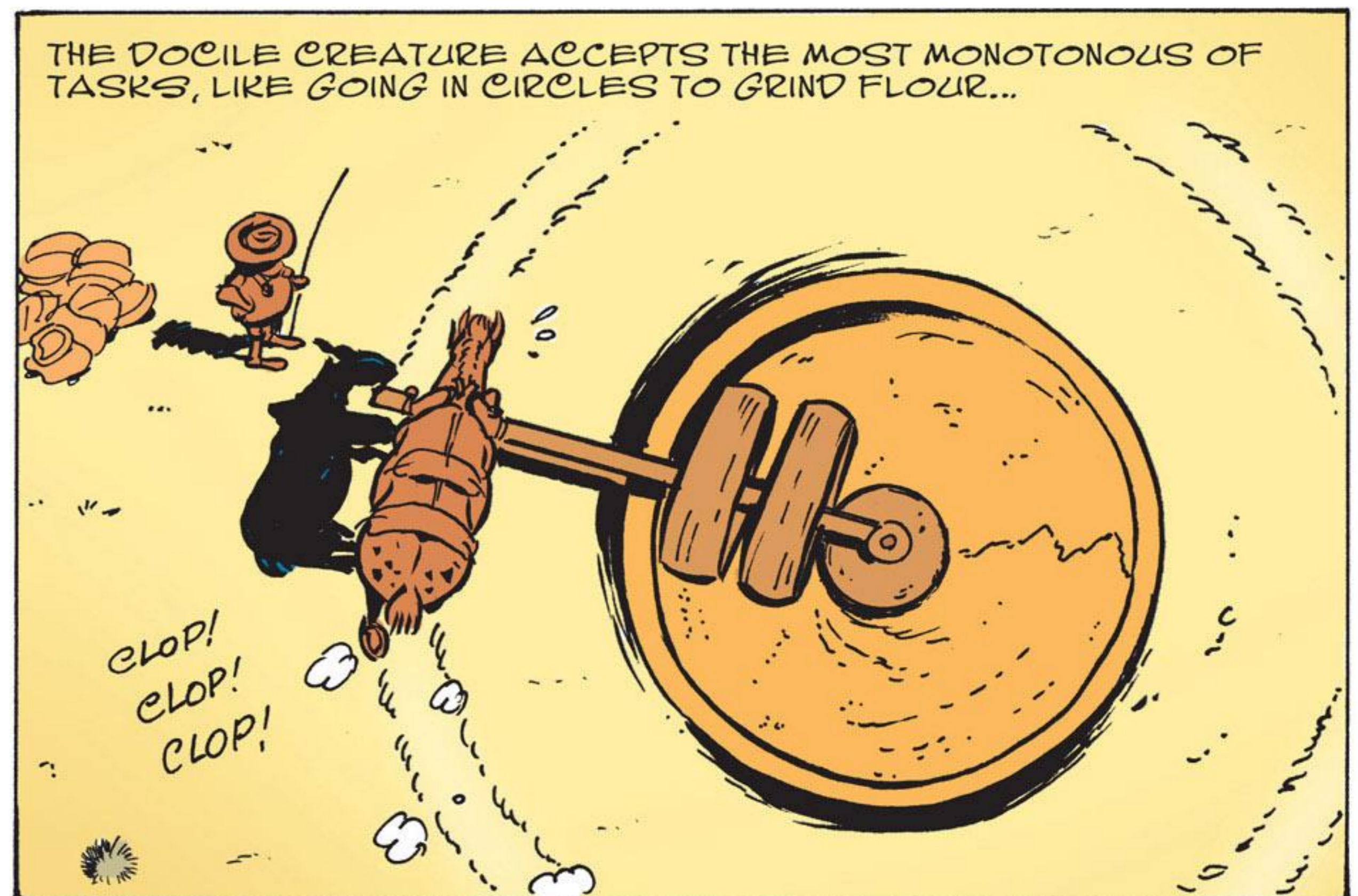
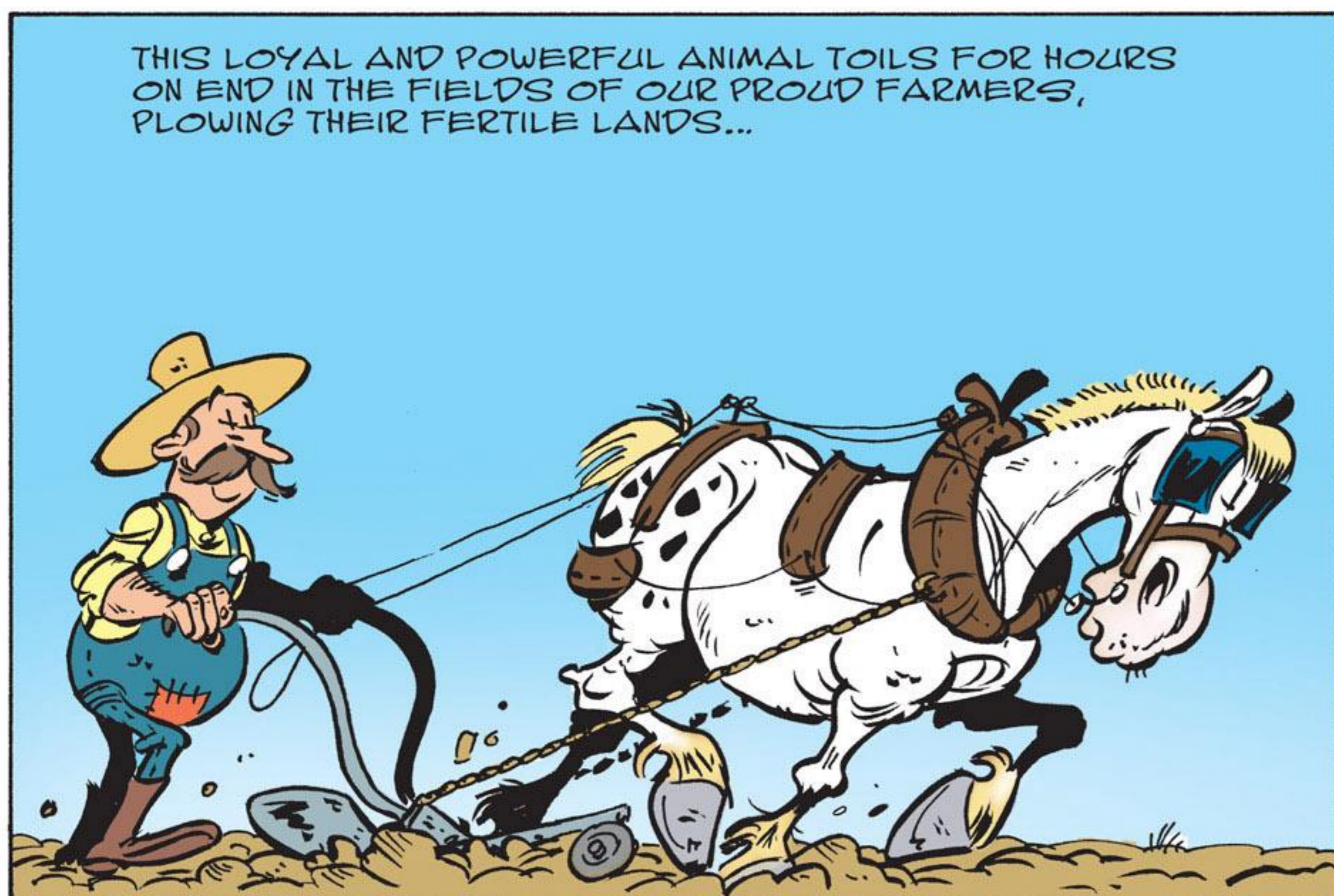
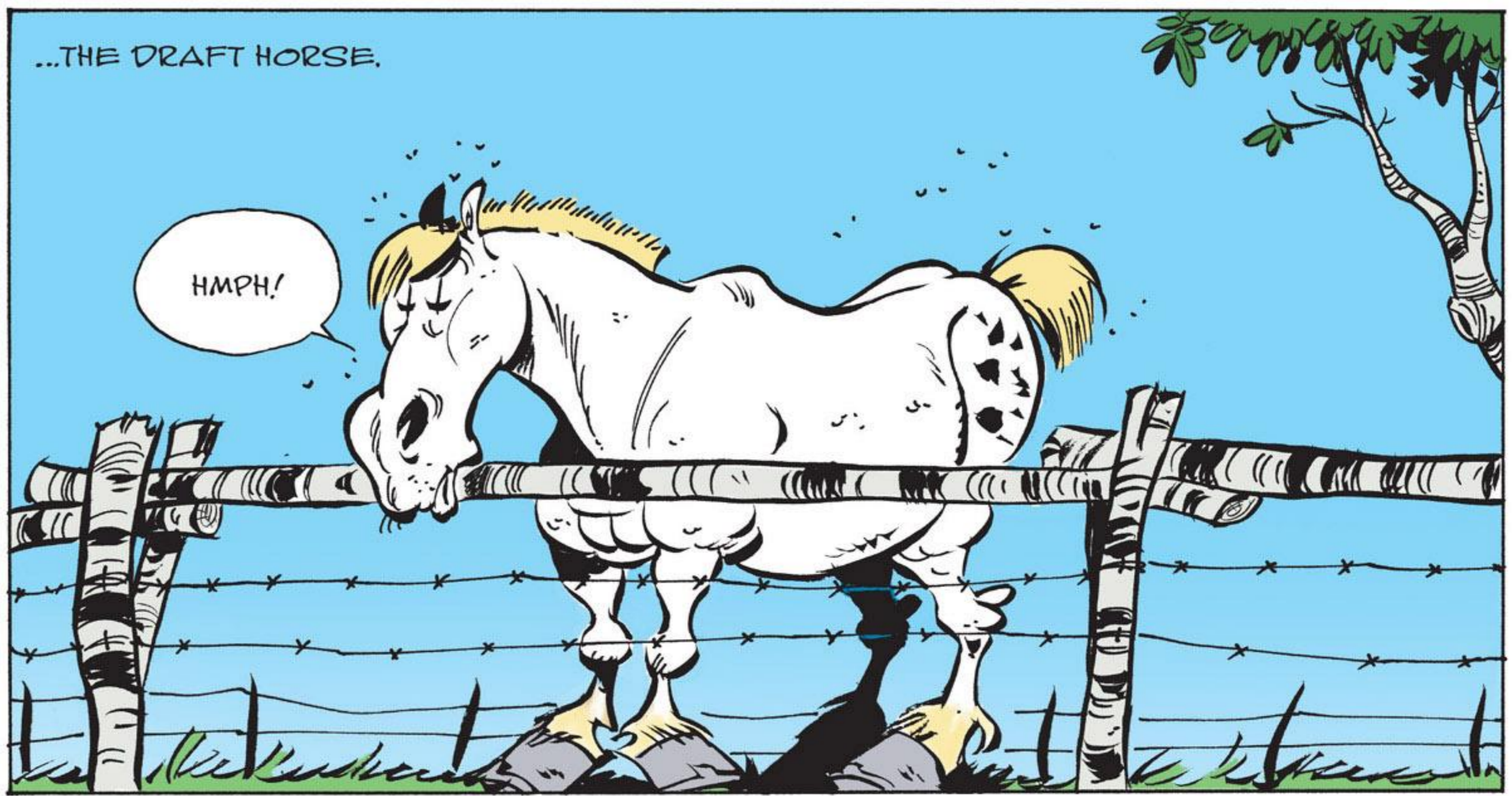
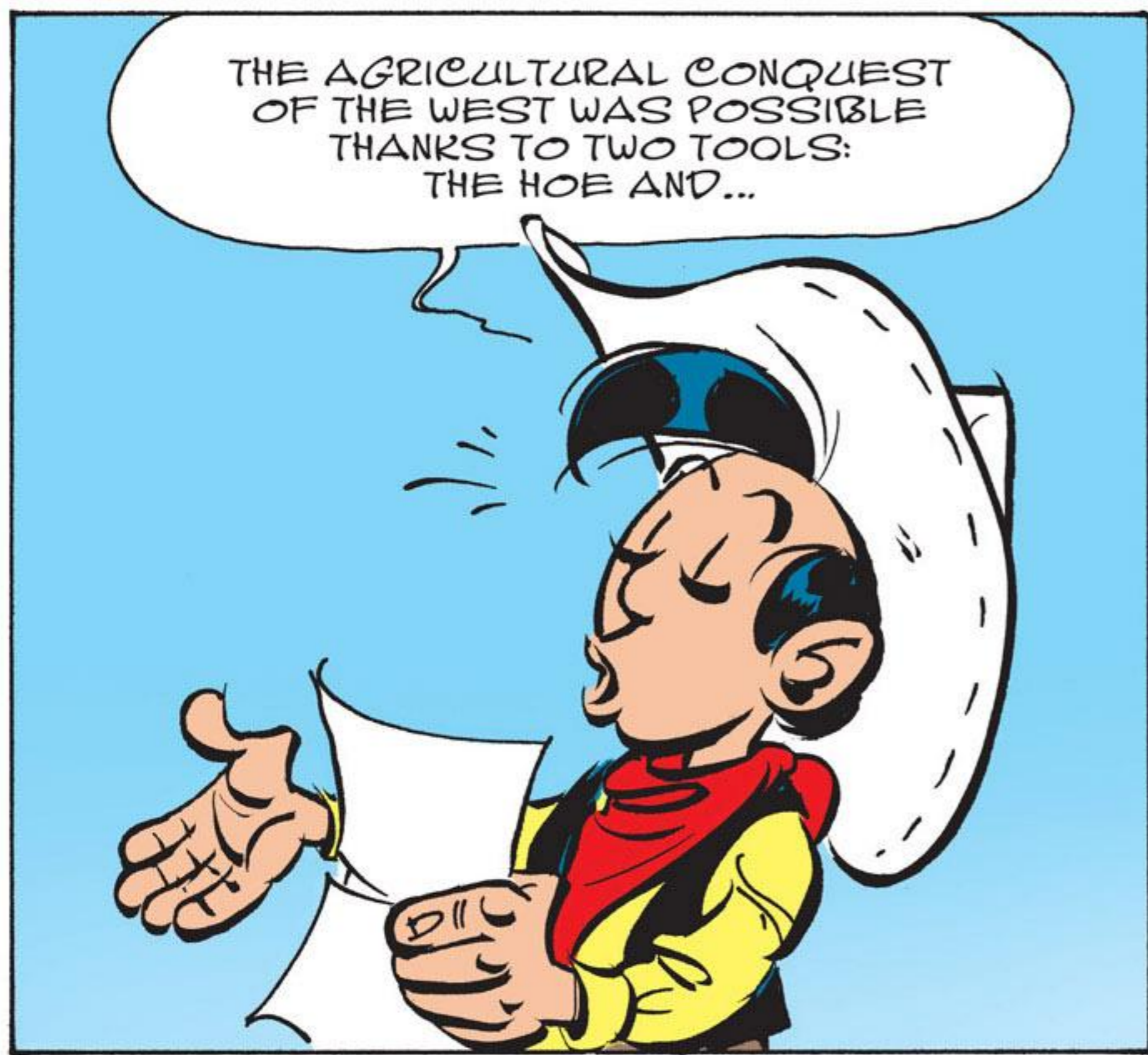
Would you believe? People sometimes confuse totem poles and torture posts. A totem pole was a sculpture of mythical beings from Native American culture carved into a tree trunk. A torture post was a simple stake used to torture the enemy. To make things easier, you could also just use a tree trunk!



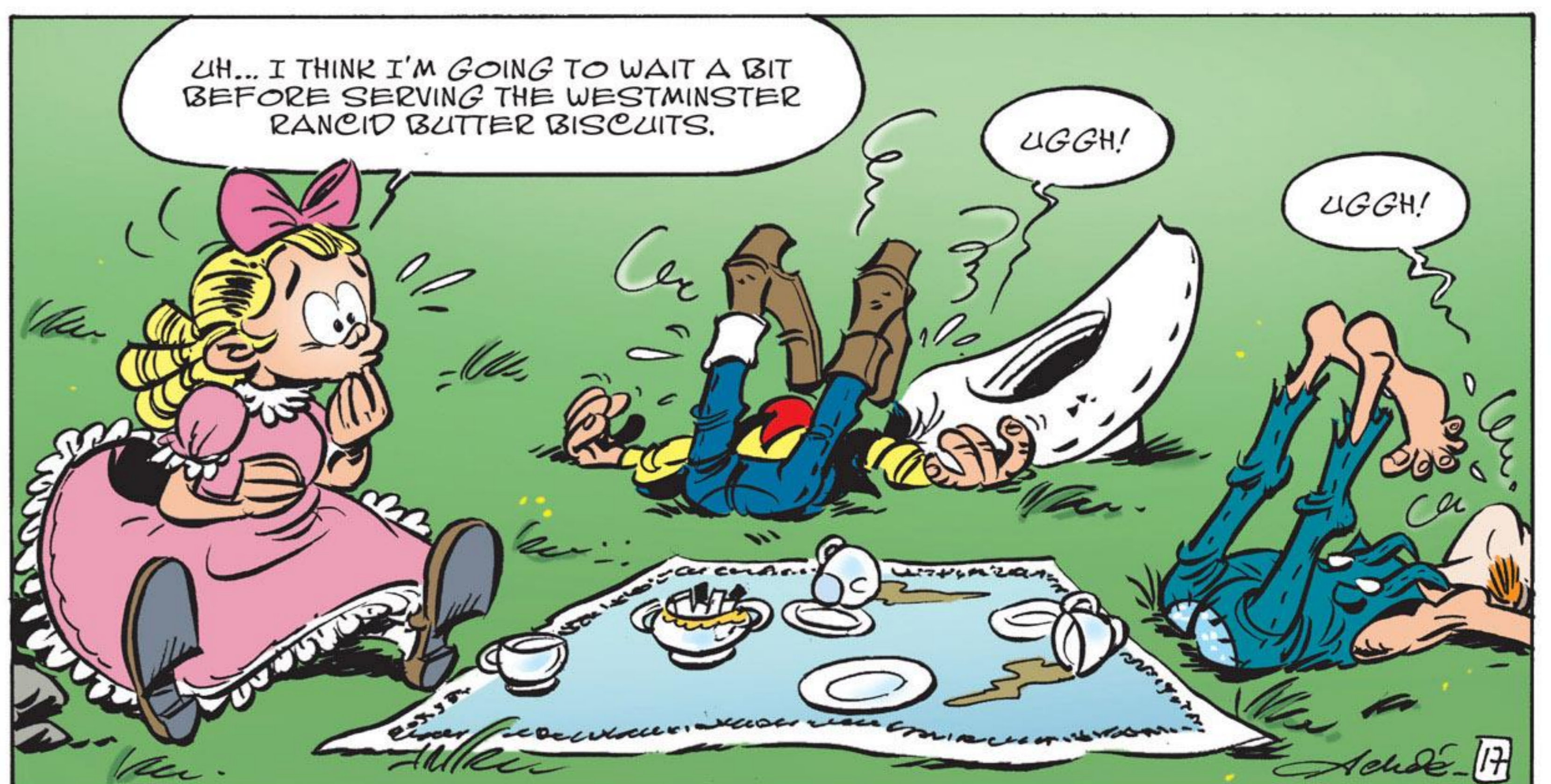
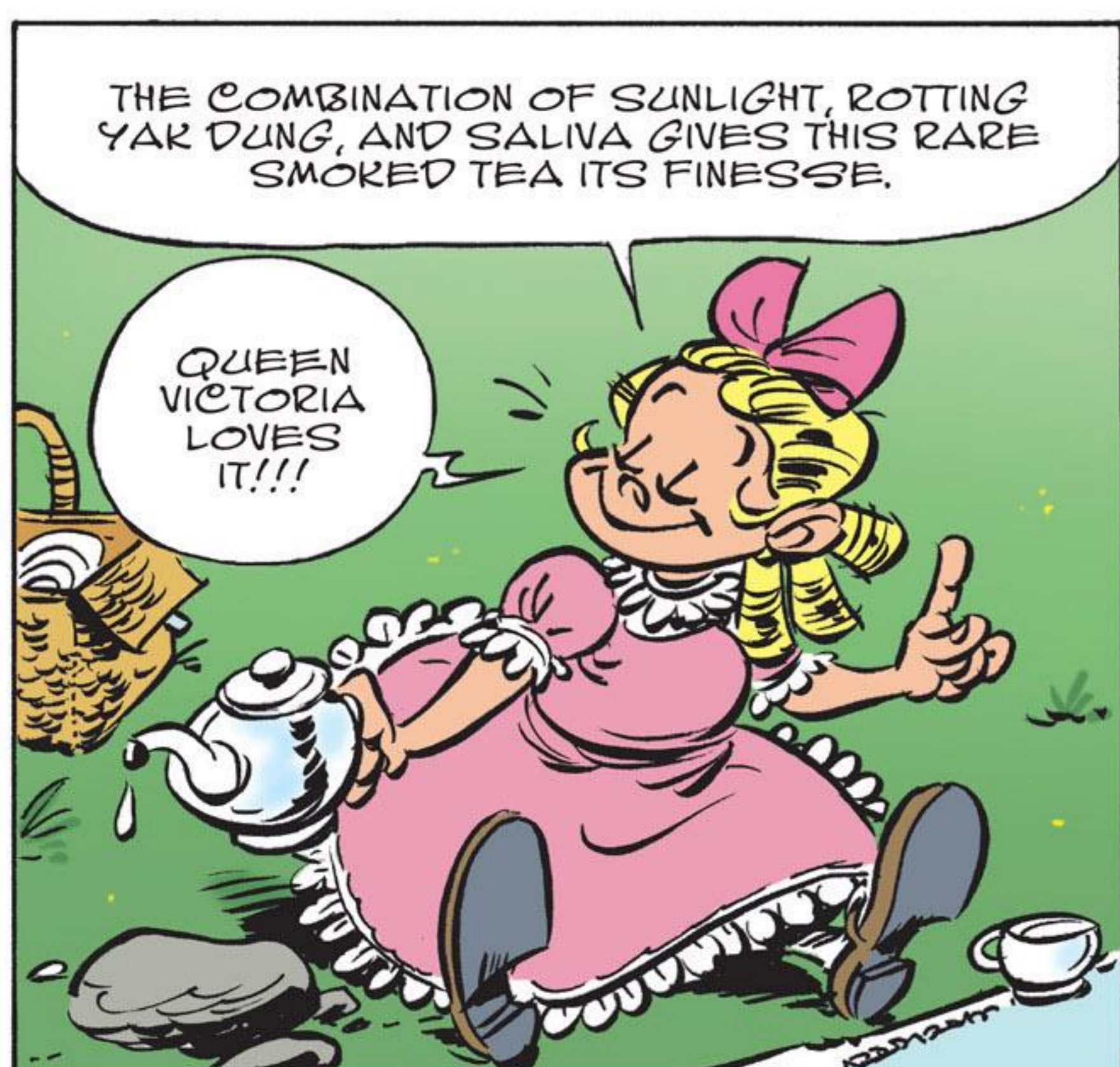
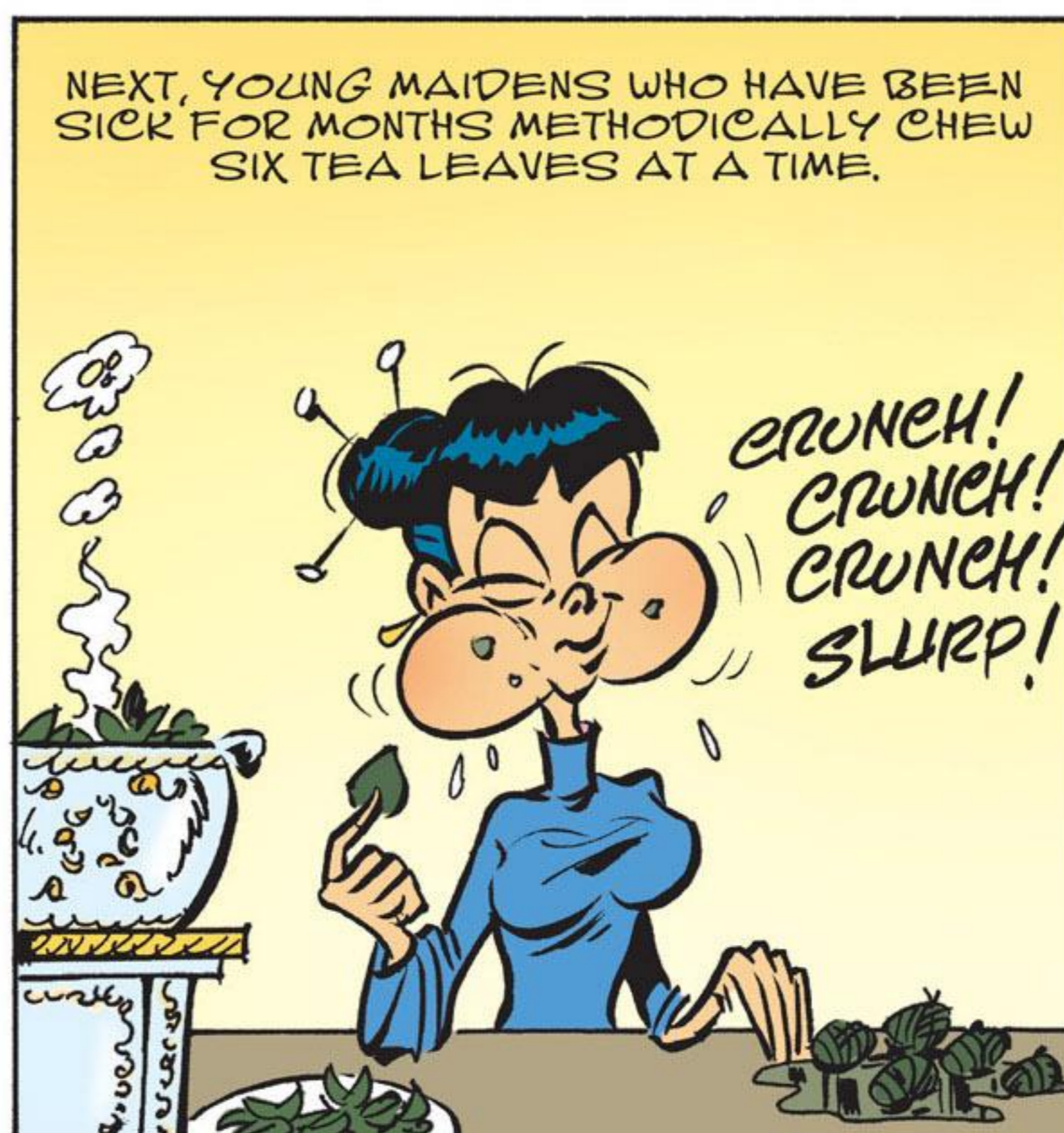
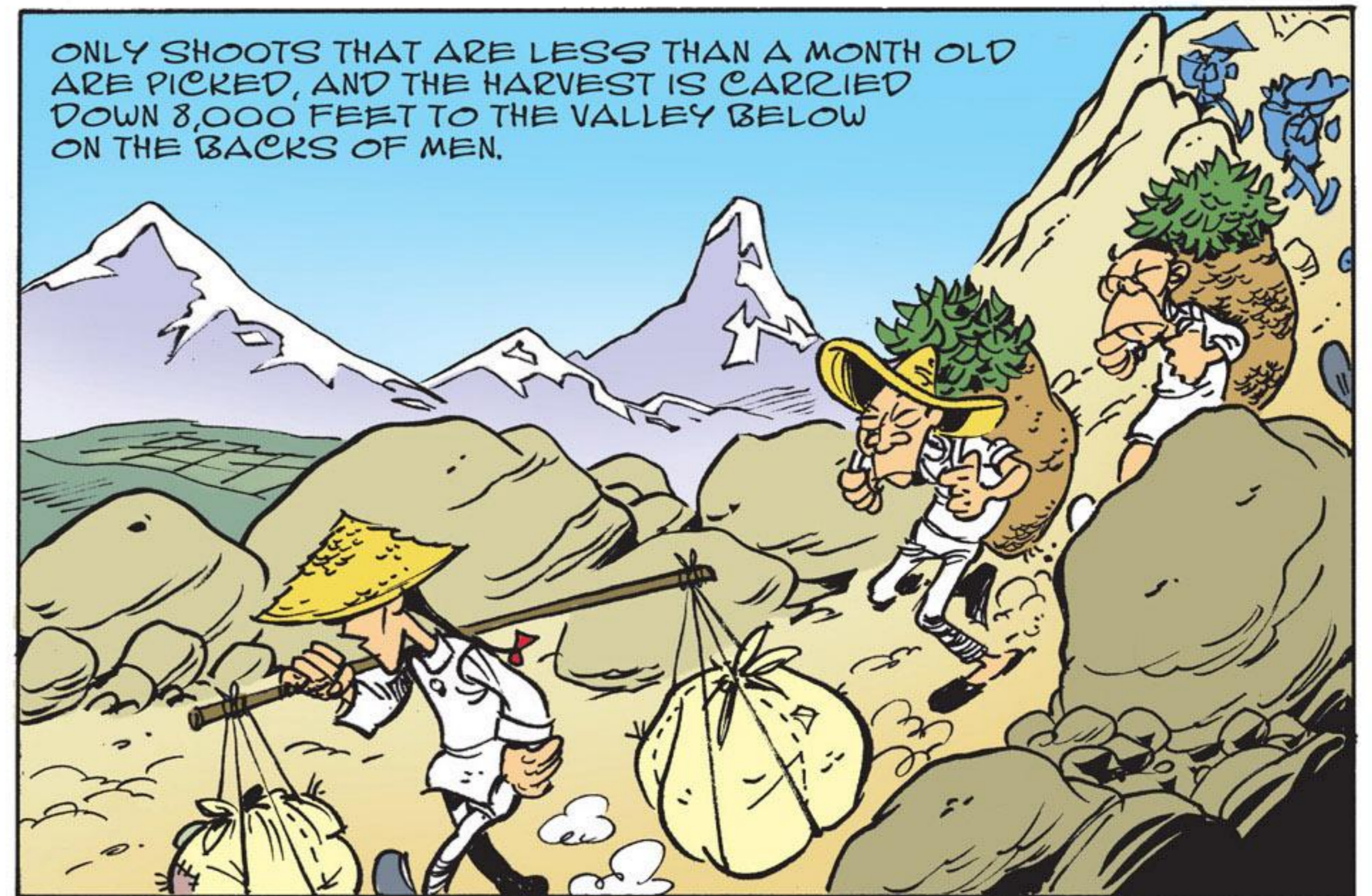
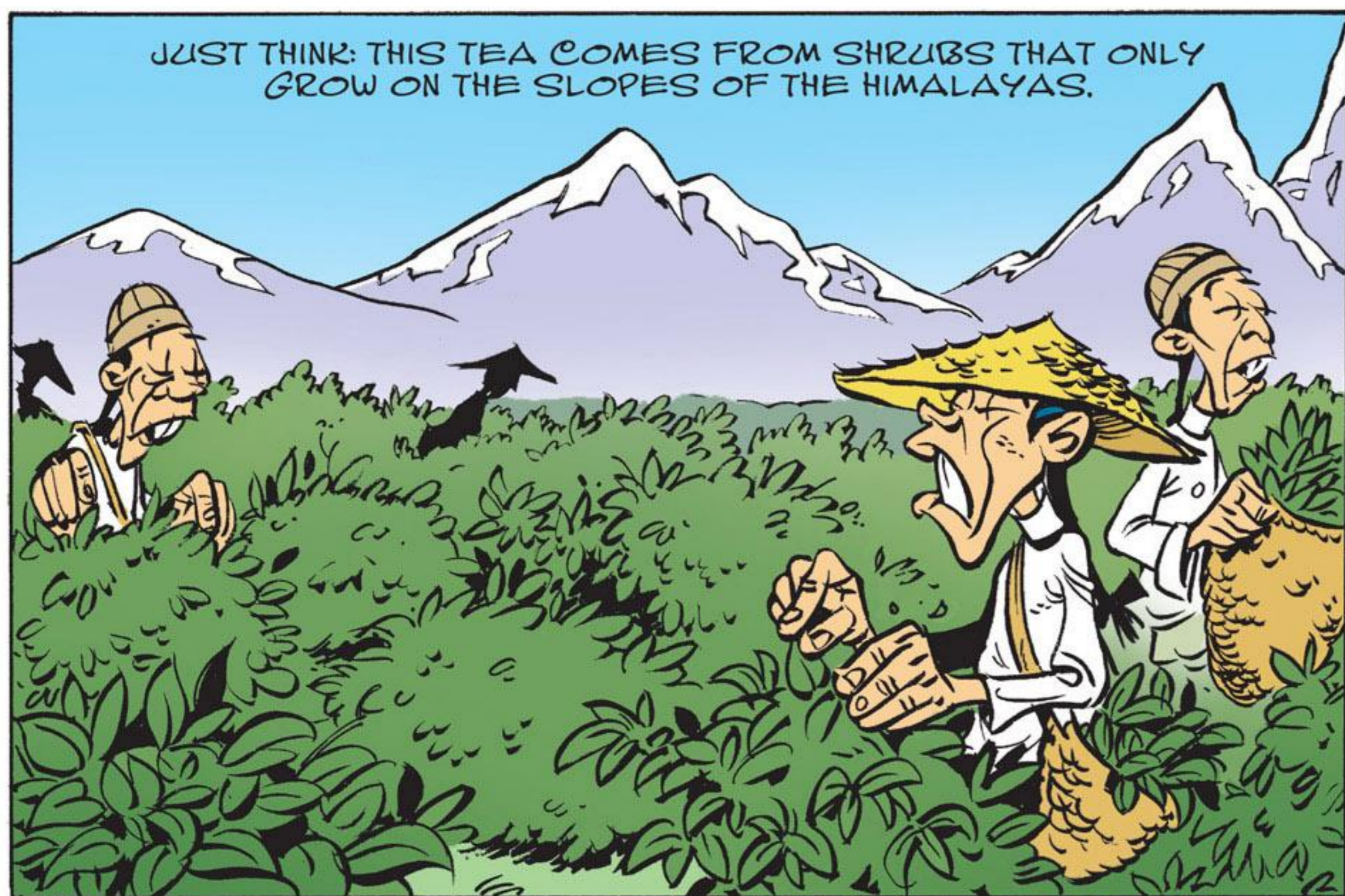
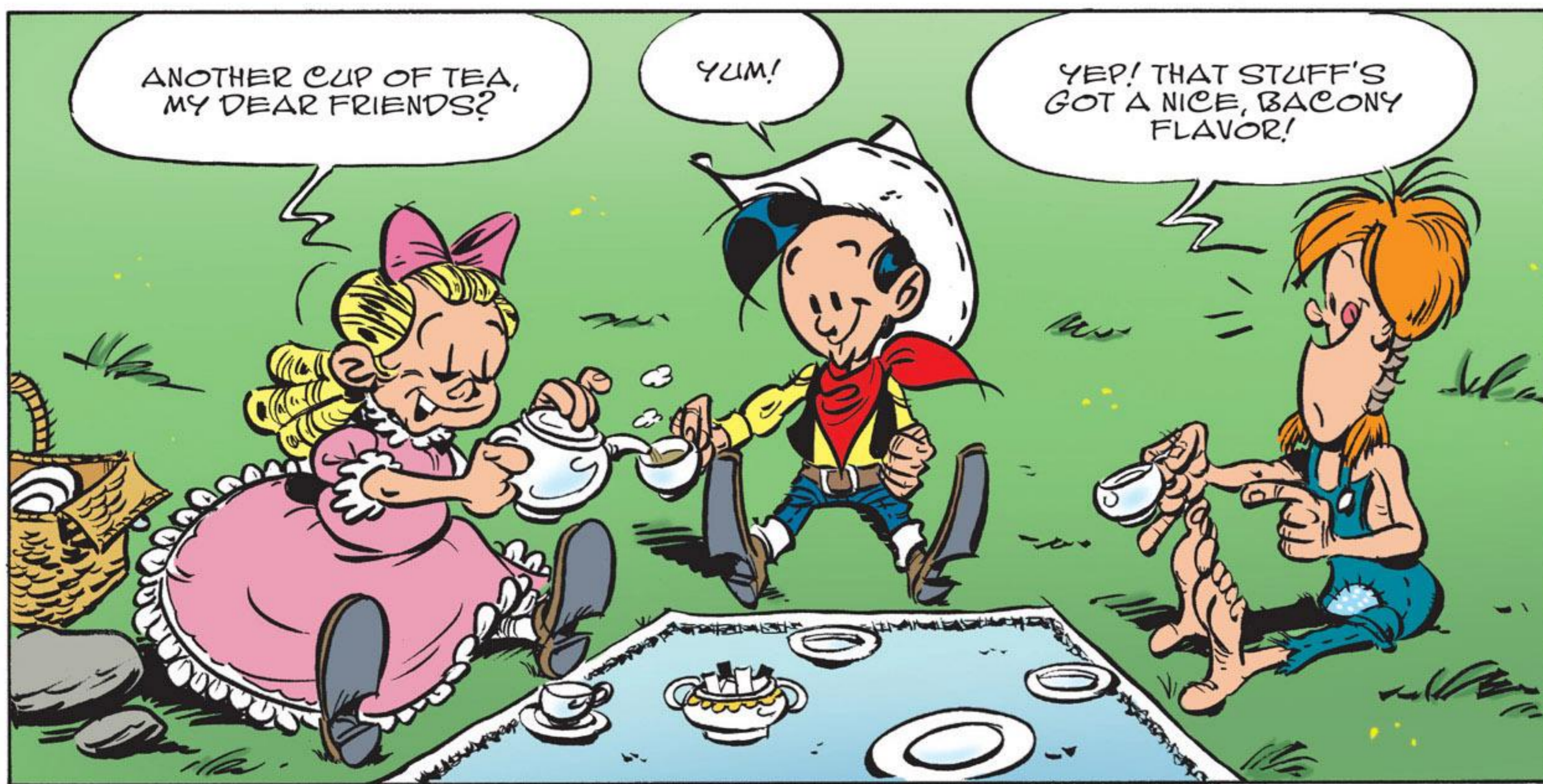
Would you believe? The stupidest dog in the West first appeared in *On the Daltons' Trail* and only obeys one person: Ma Dalton. One time, he had a momentary flash of genius with Lucky Luke in *A Cure for the Daltons*... but only that one time!



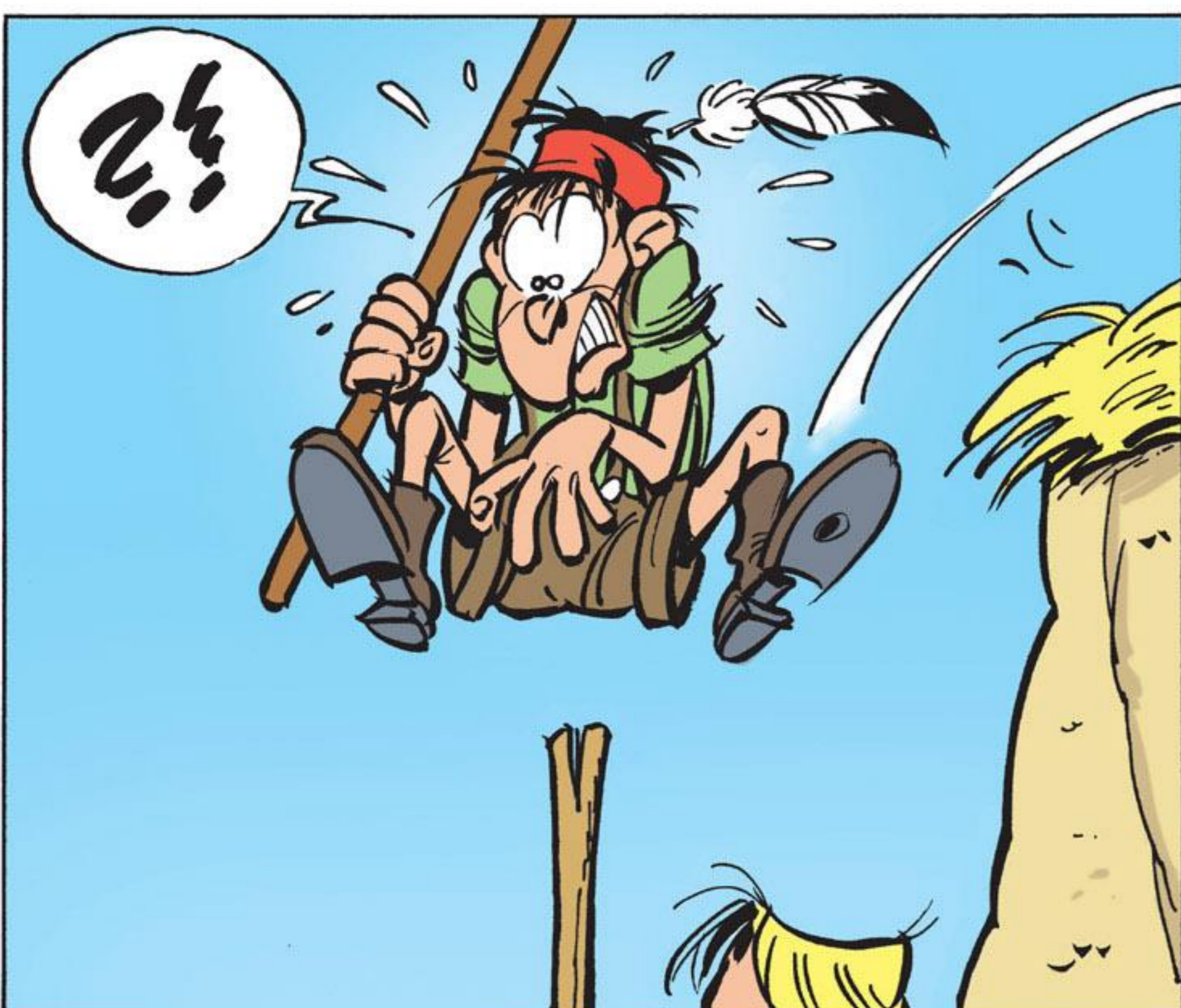
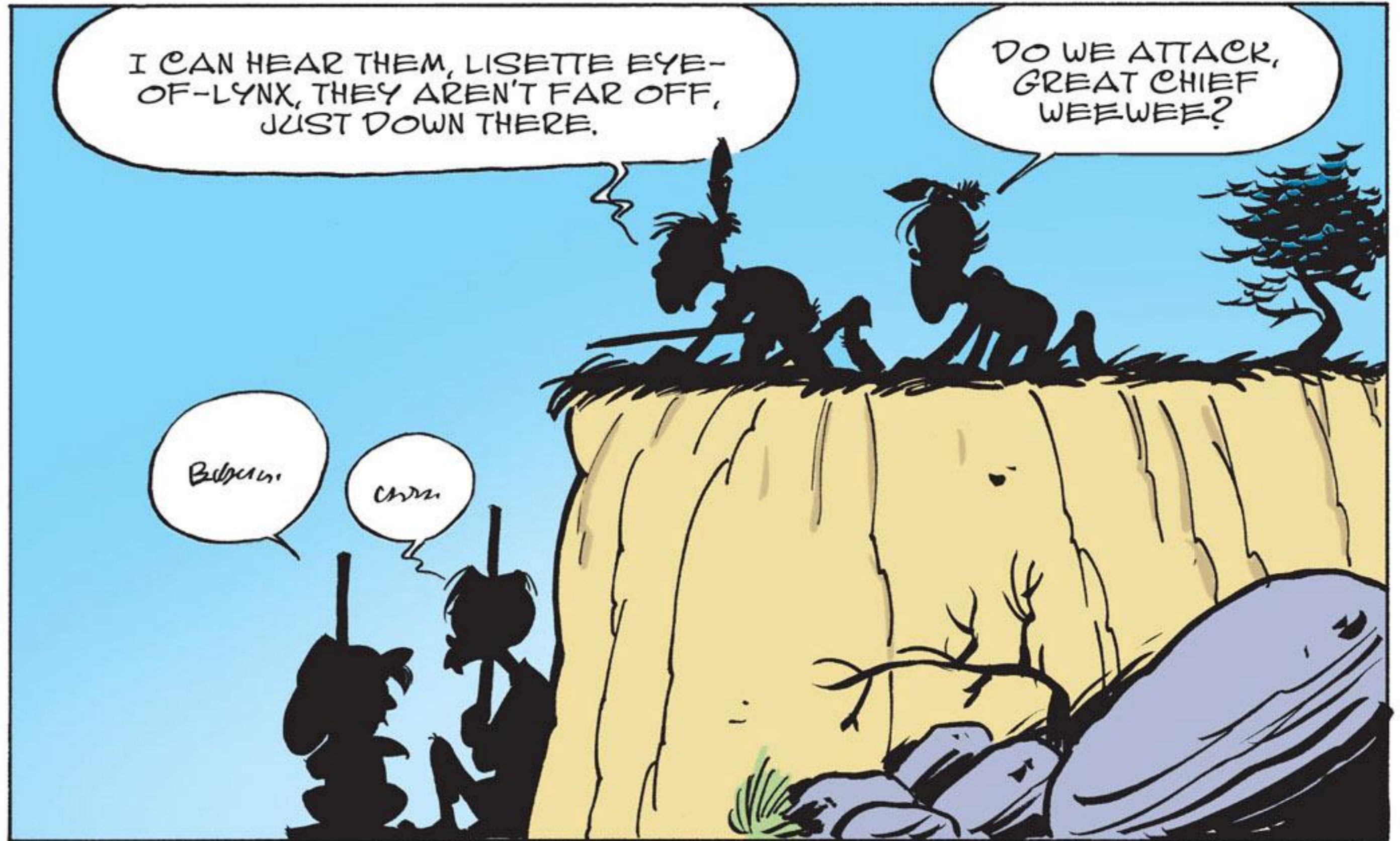
Would you believe? William Tell is a hero of Swiss independence. His legend lives on... but the poor apples always get the short end of the stick!



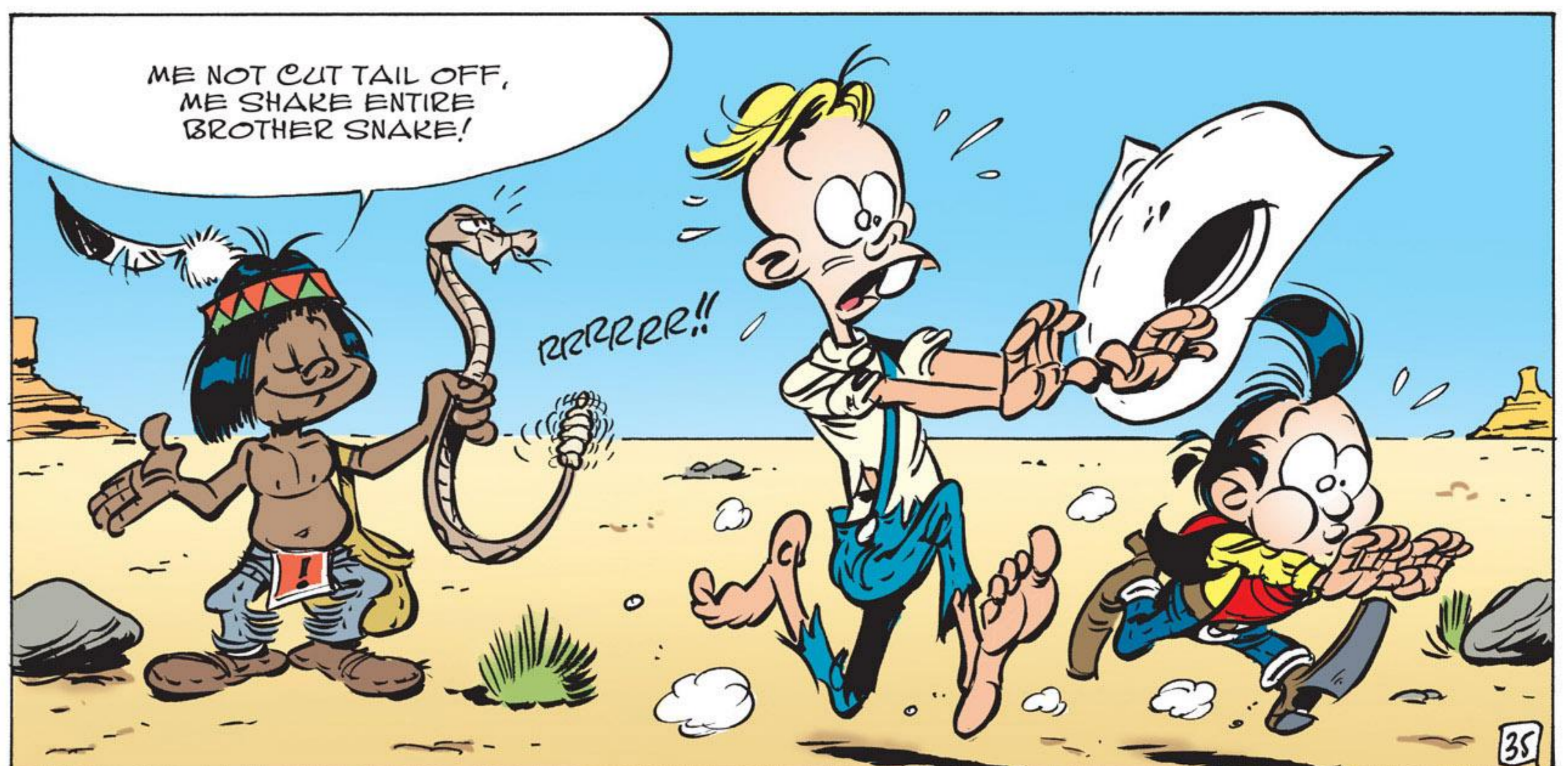
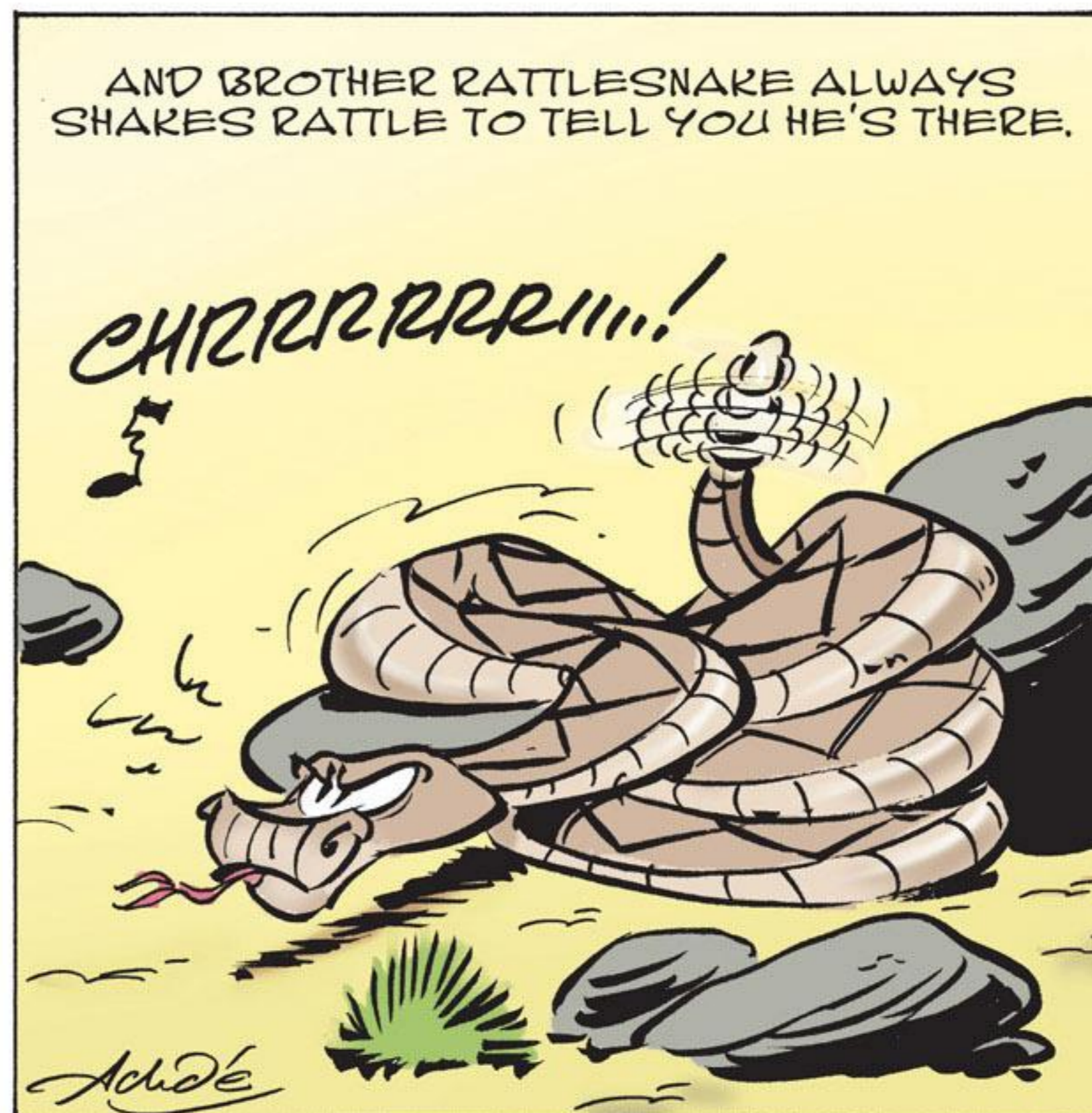
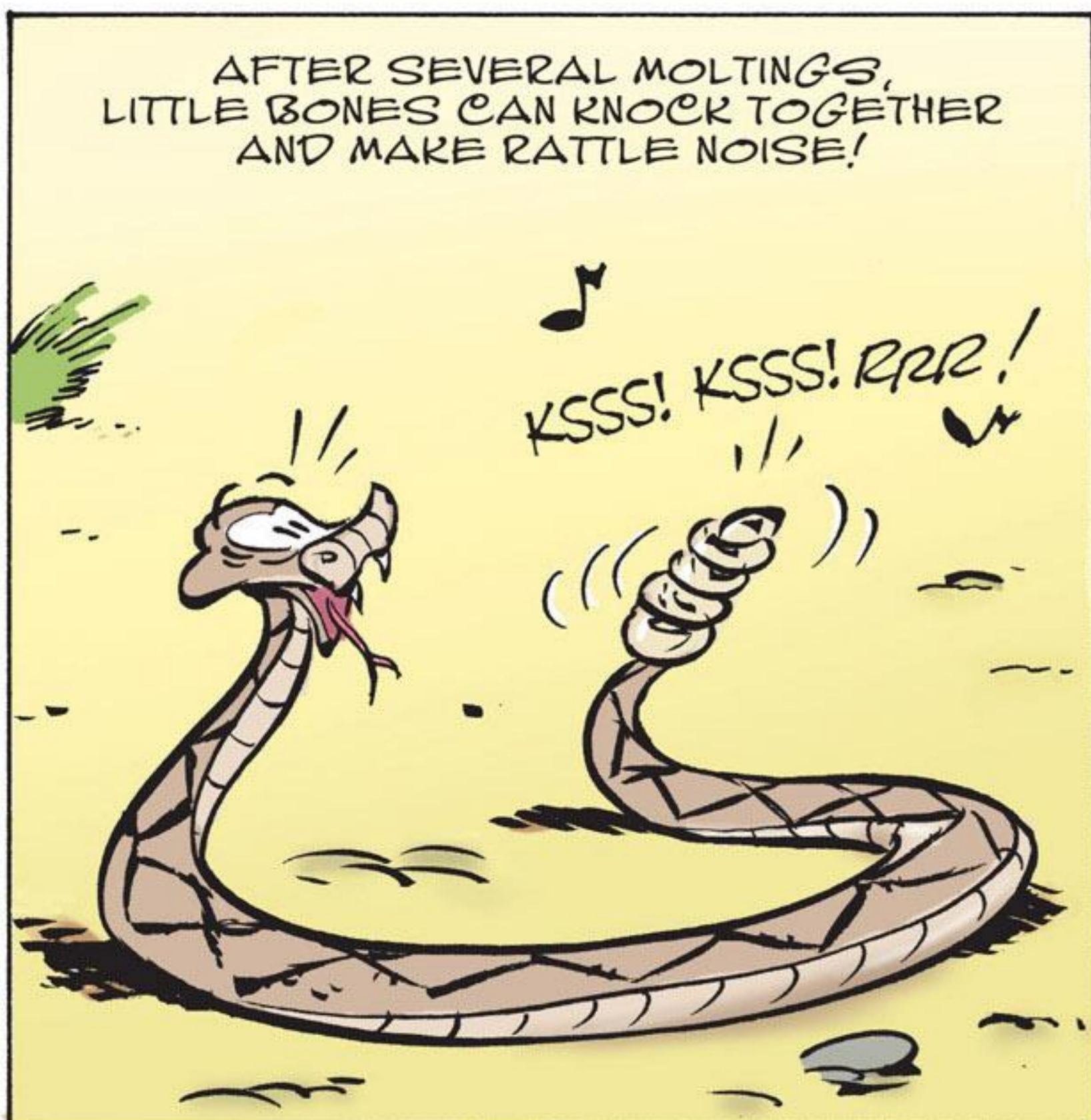
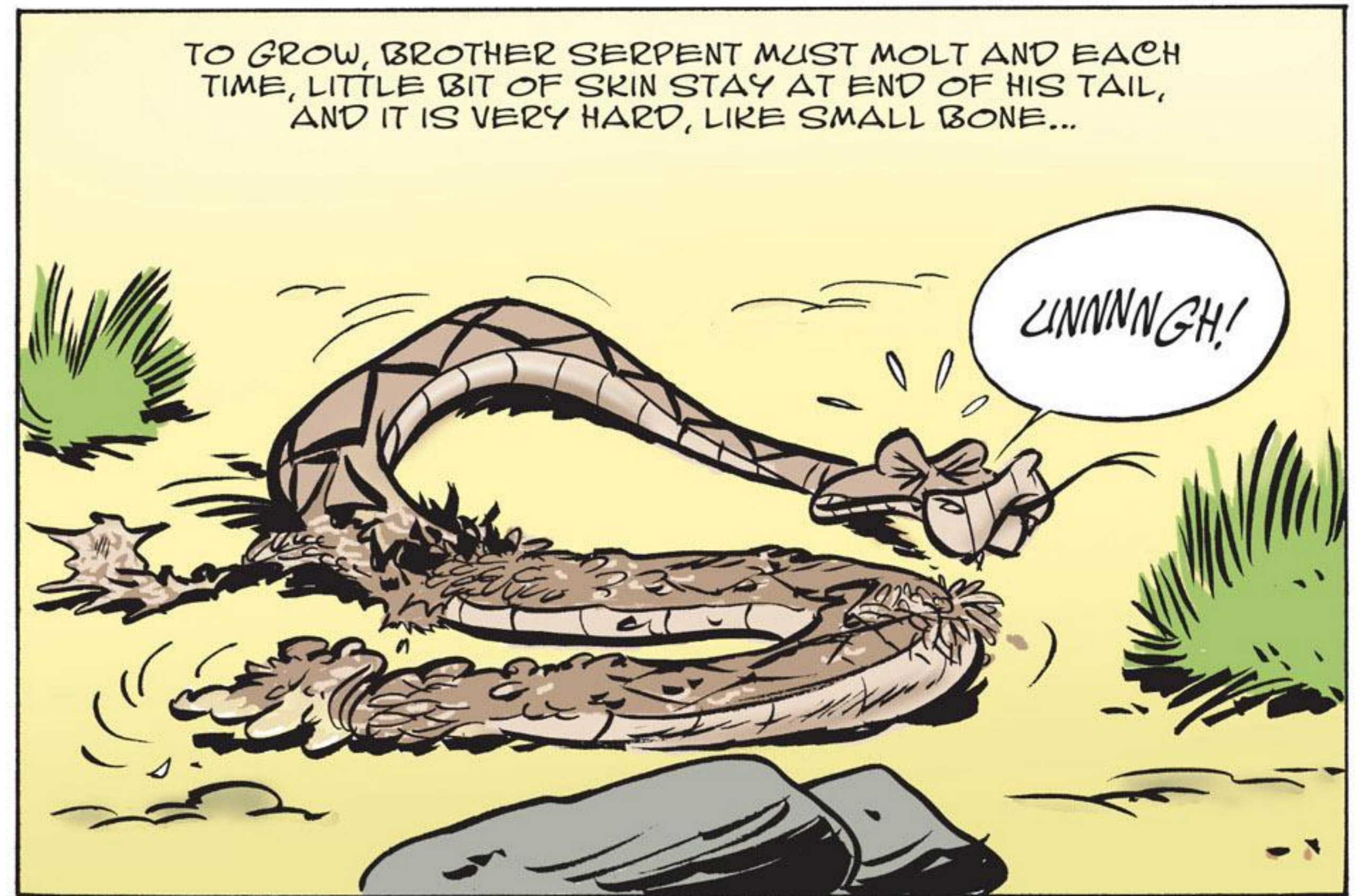
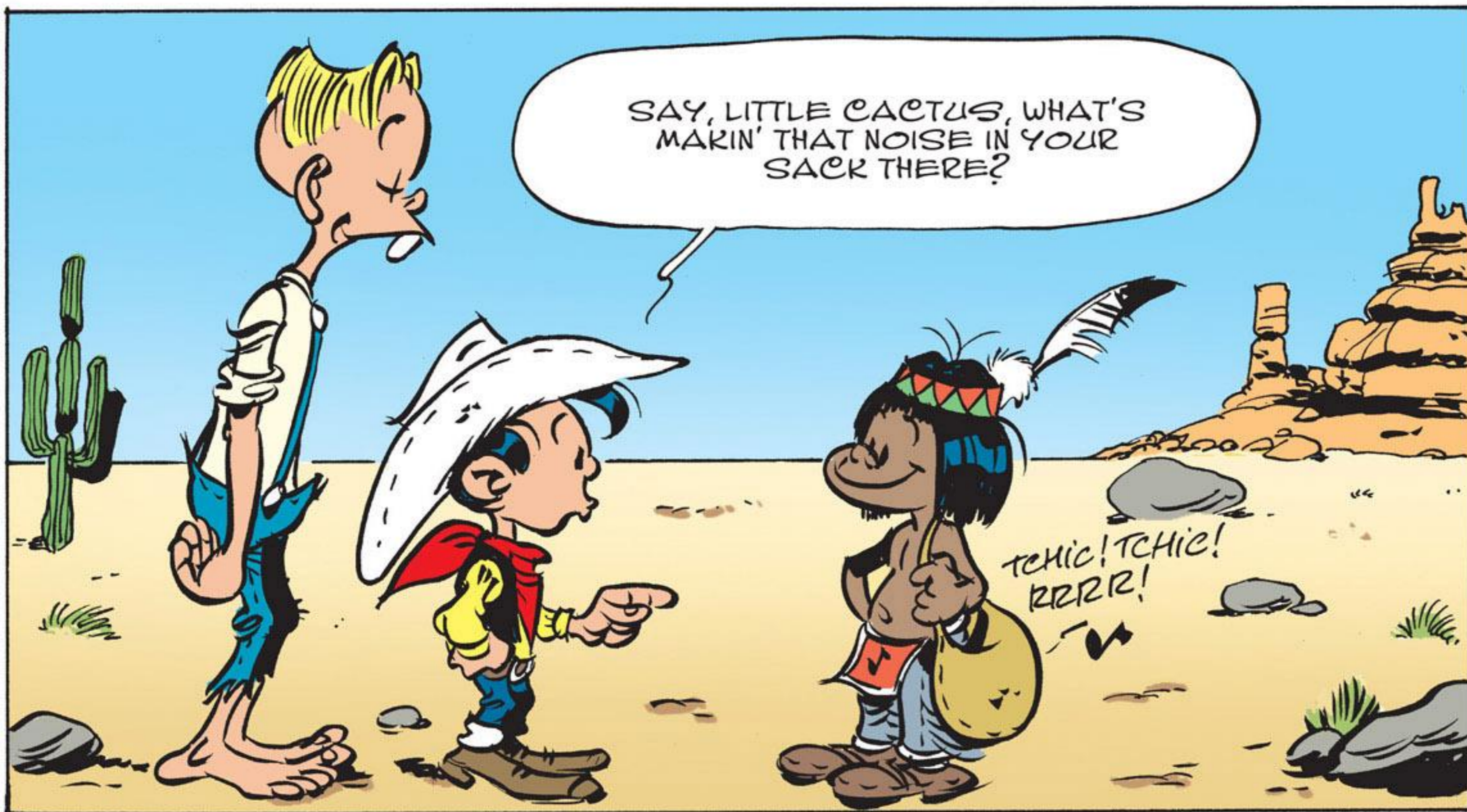
Would you believe? In the early days, there weren't any draft horses in the United States. Since they were rare and expensive, folks mostly used cattle or mules. Later, the United States would import thousands of Percherons and Boulonnais from France for the development of their agriculture.



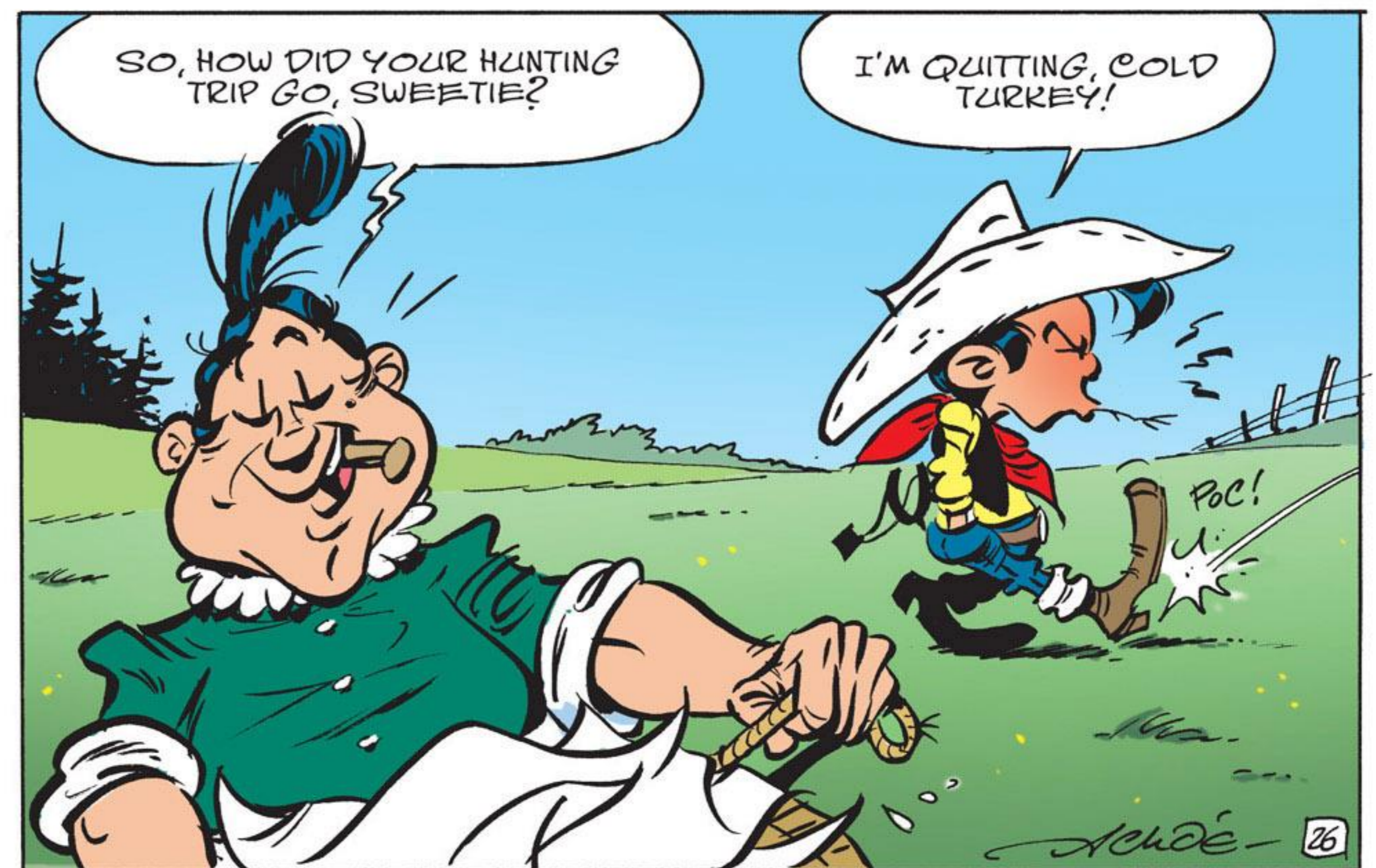
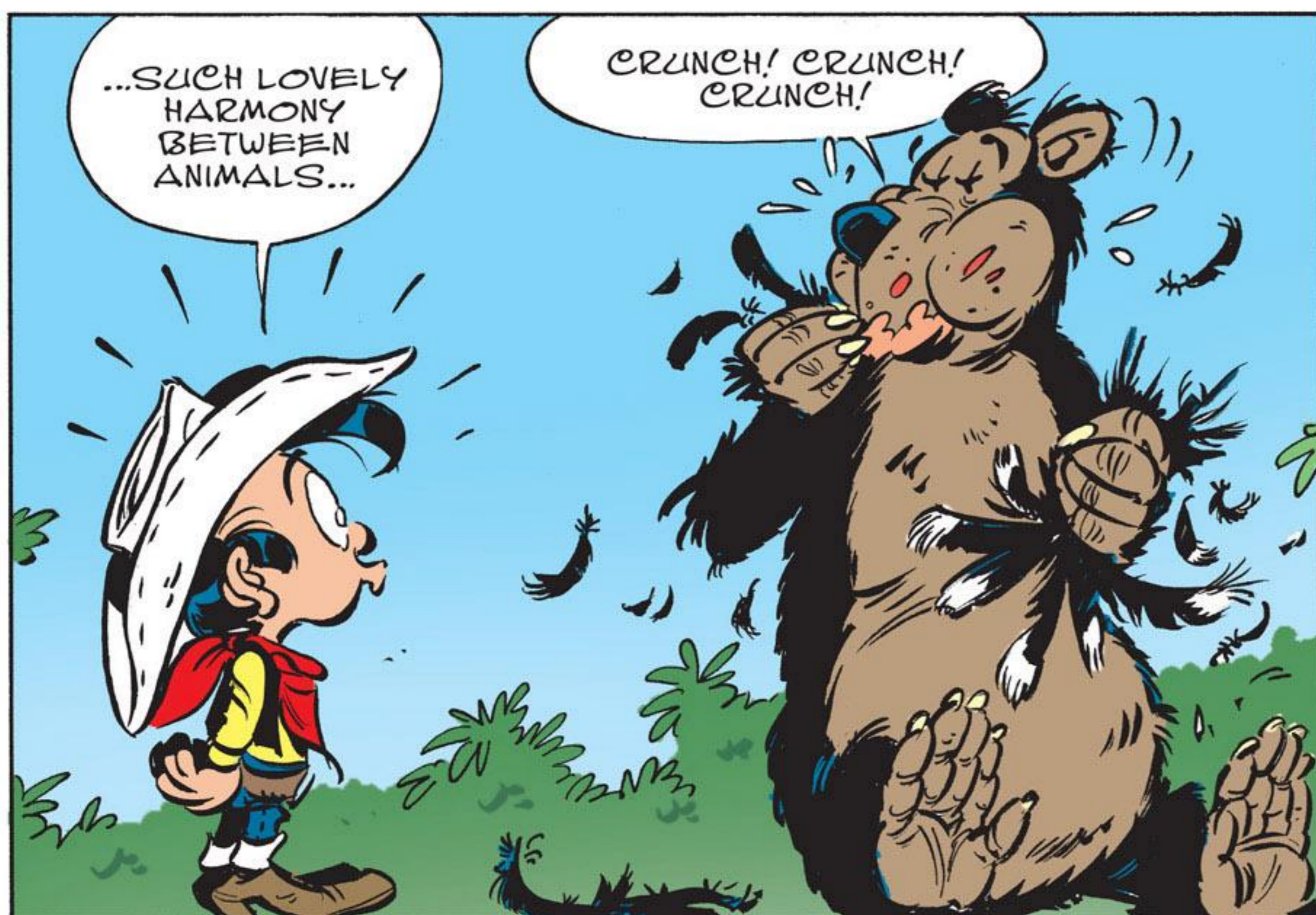
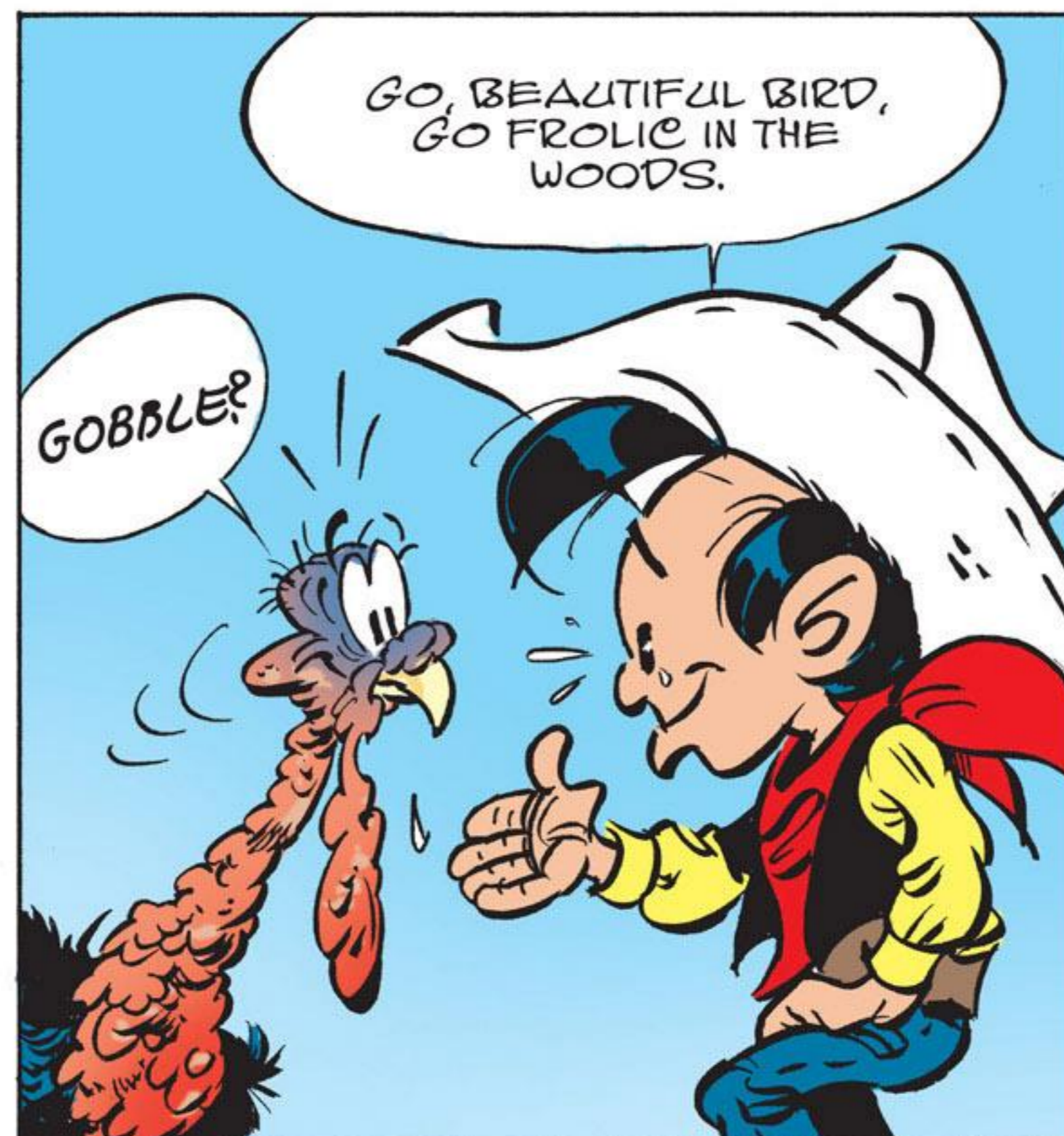
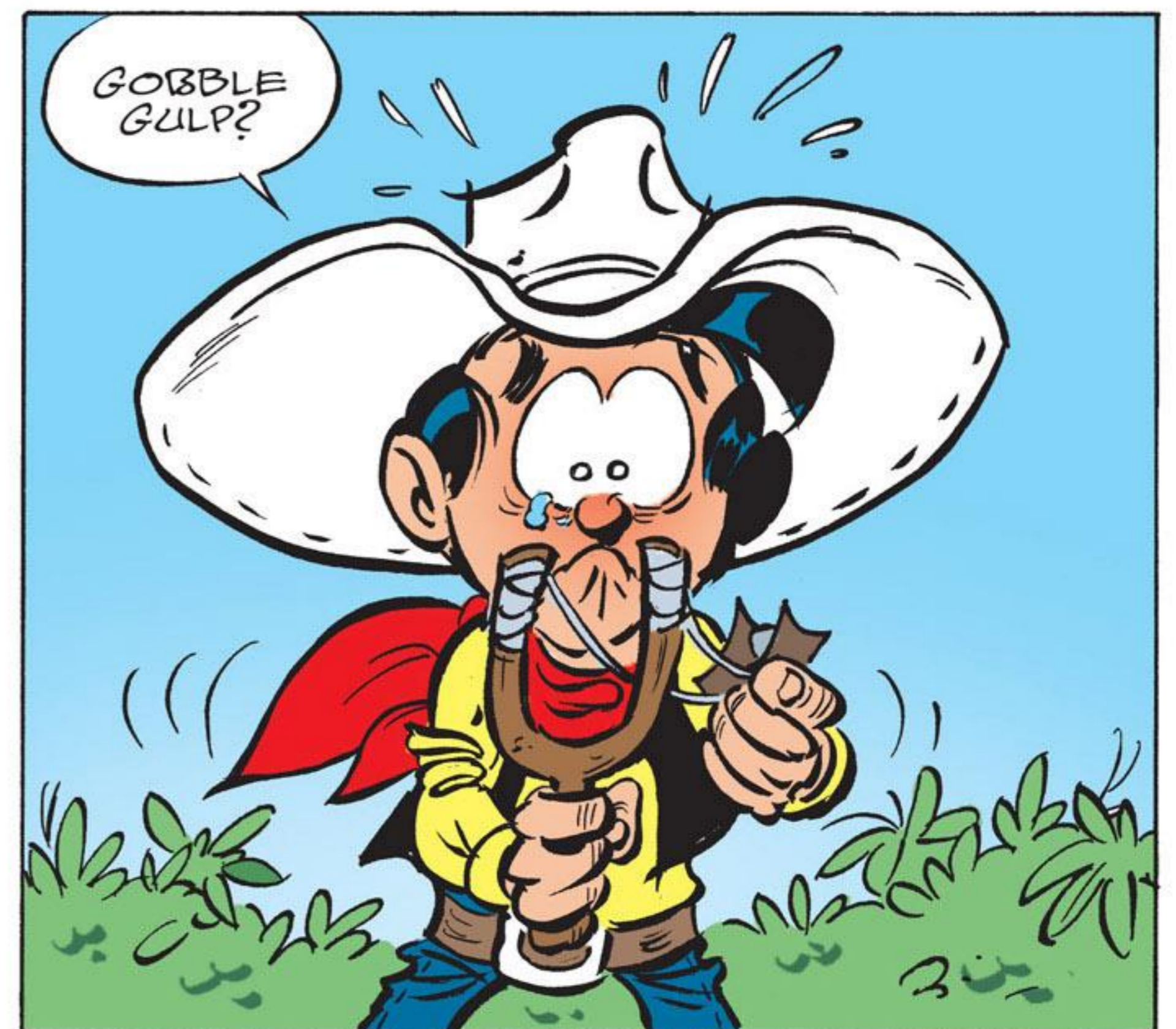
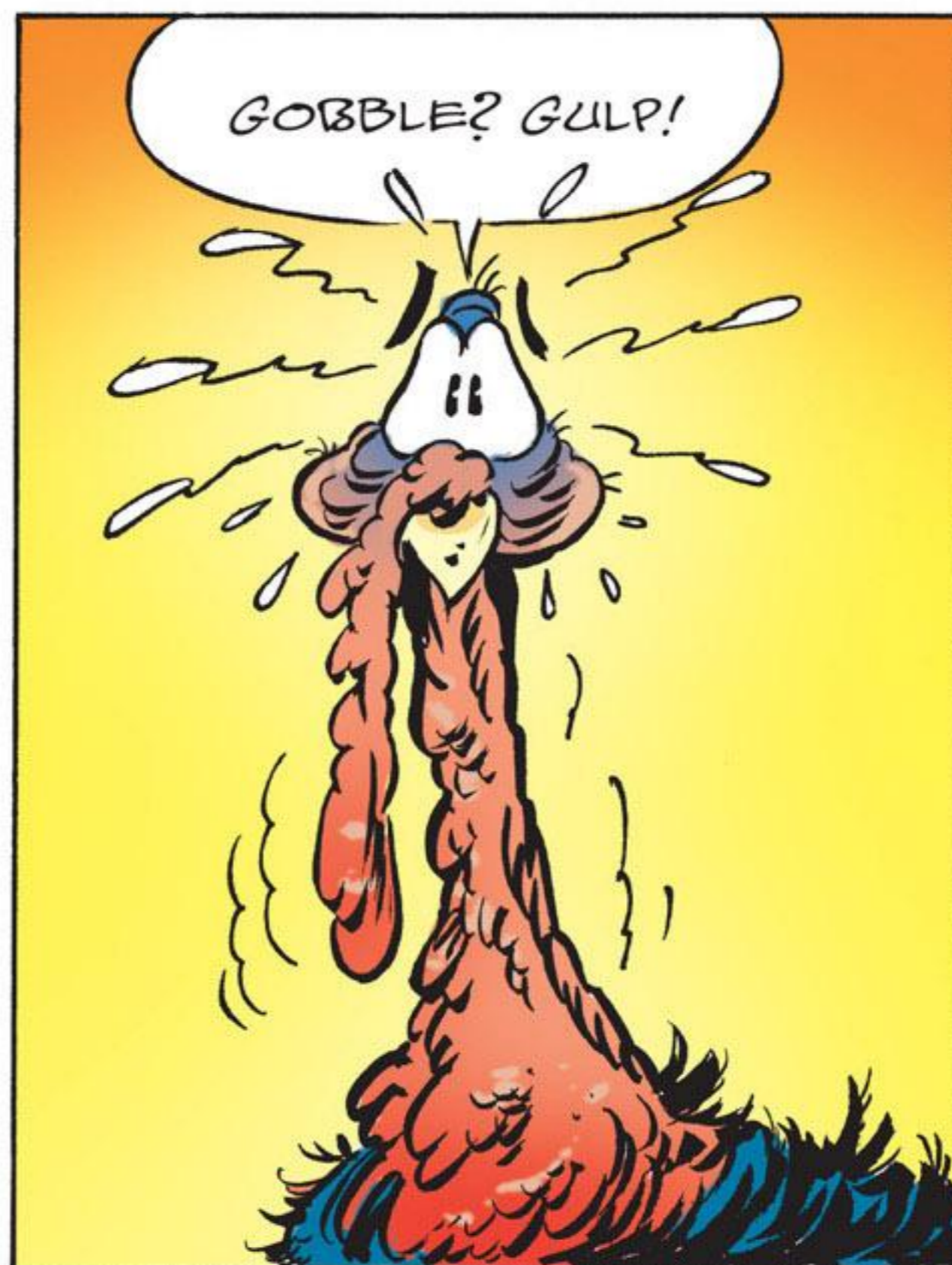
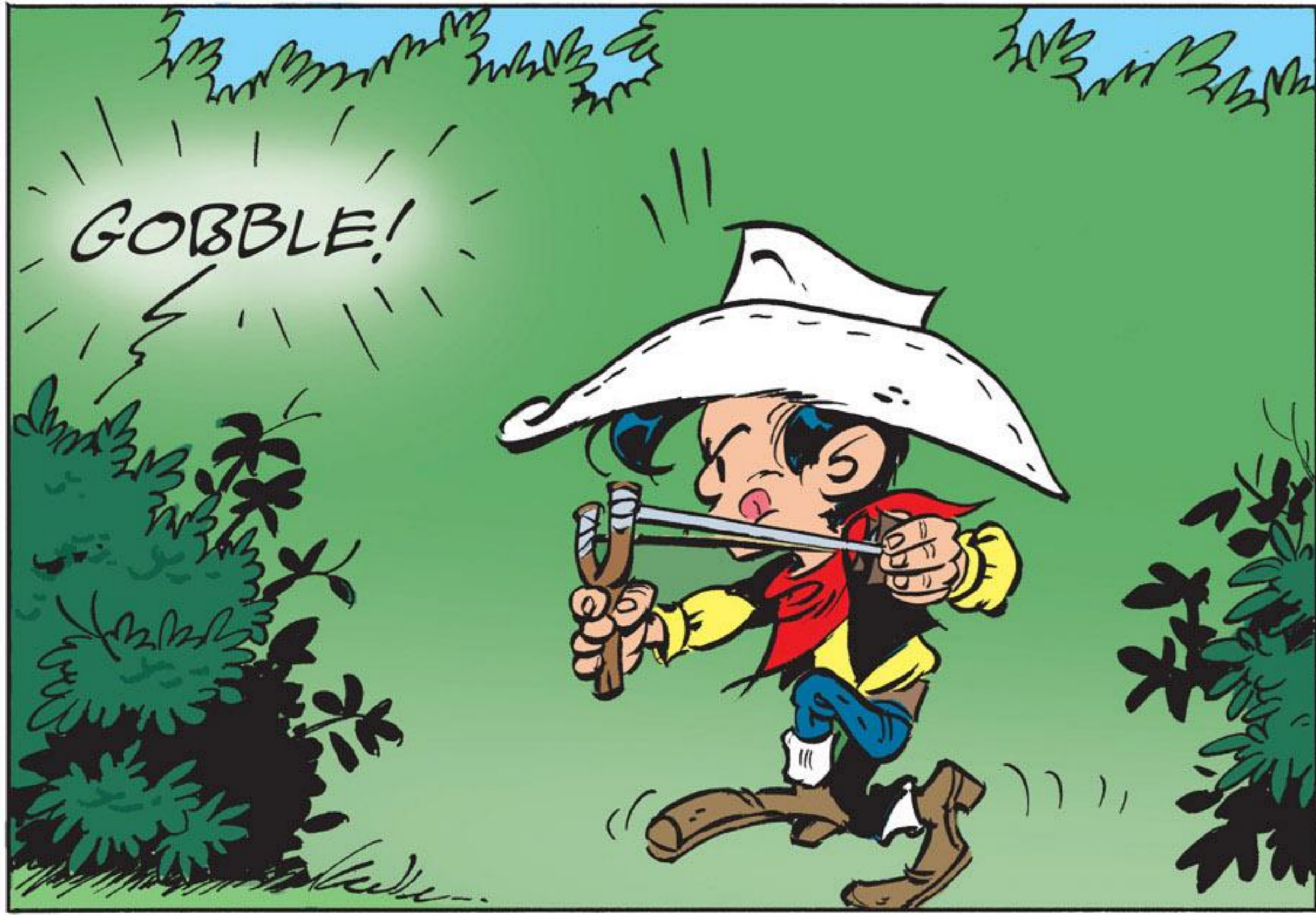
Would you believe? Tea was very popular with the upper crust in eastern American cities. In the West, however, they'd have hanged a barman who served tenderfoot hot water to a cowboy!



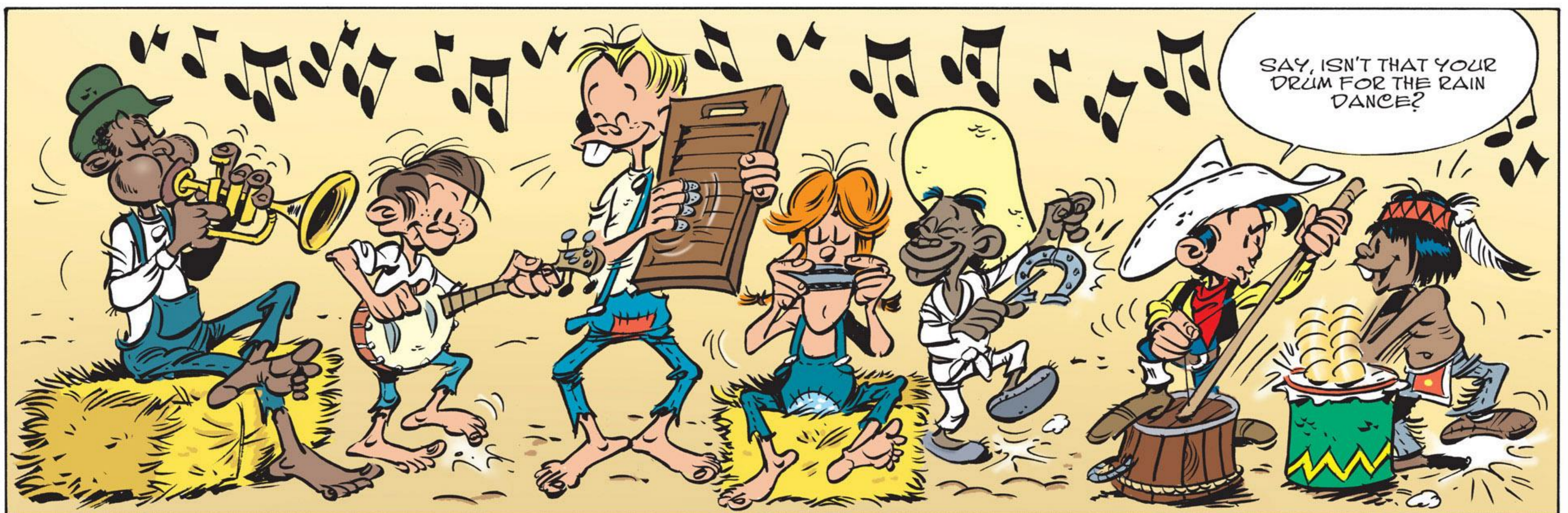
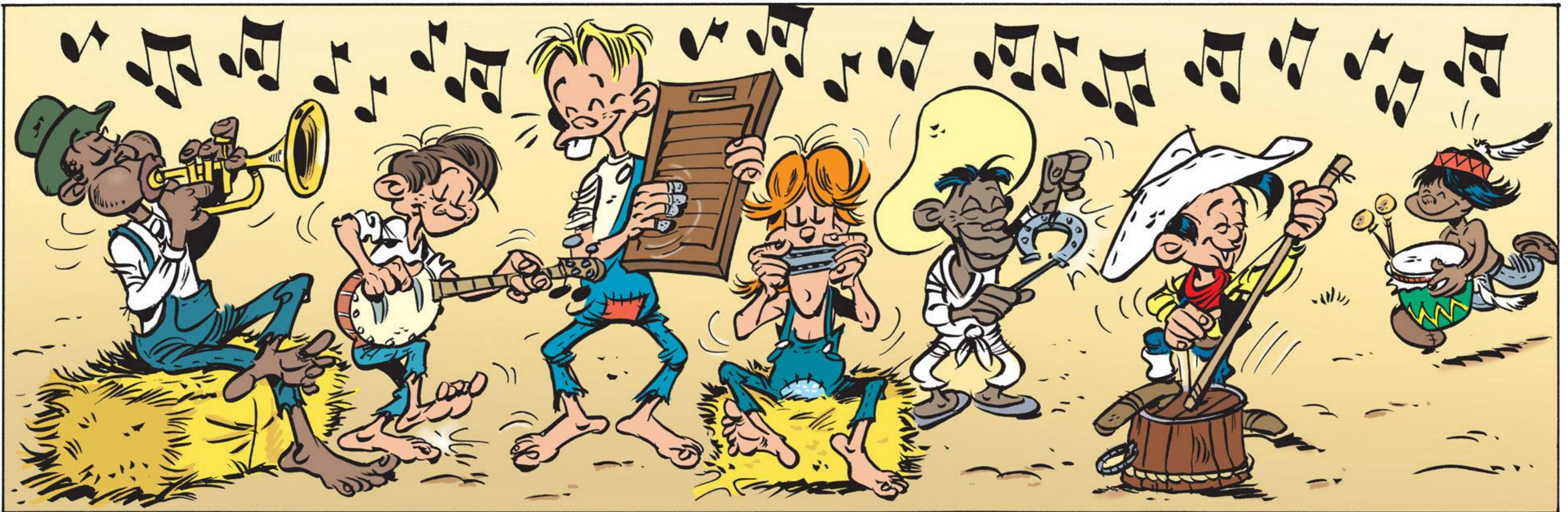
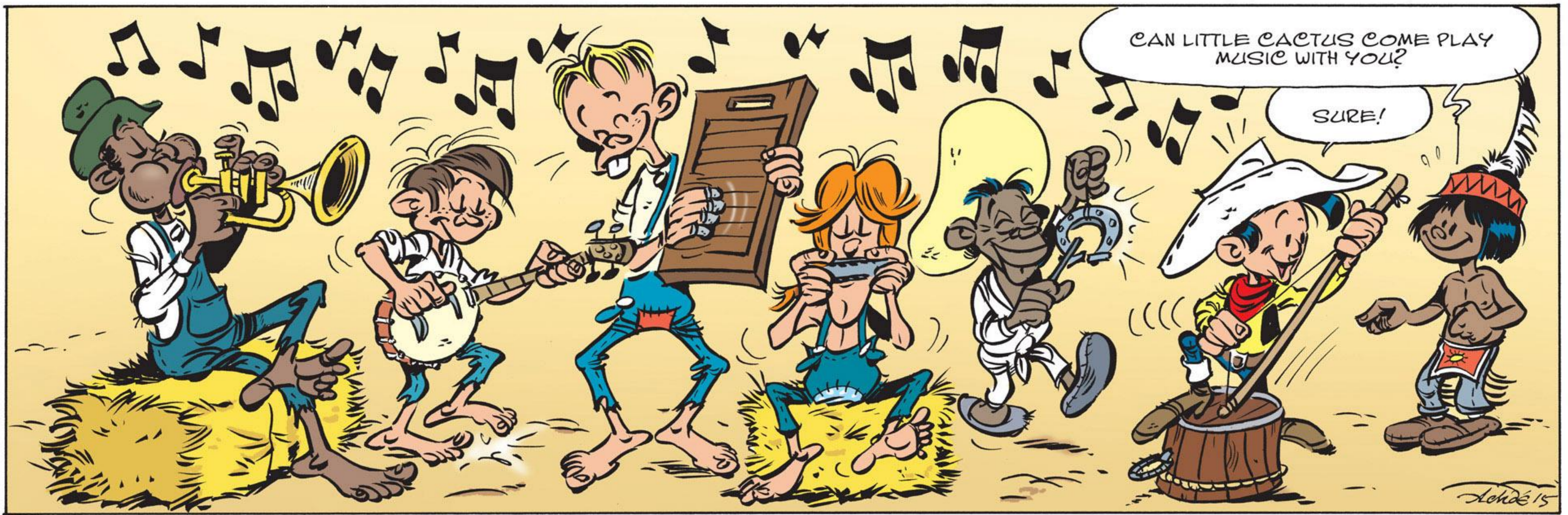
Would you believe? Chief WeeWee didn't exist, but Cochise and Geronimo sure did. Both of these chiefs were proud warriors who gave the Bluecoats a run for their money, rightly defending their territories against the overexpansion of the Whites into the southwestern United States.



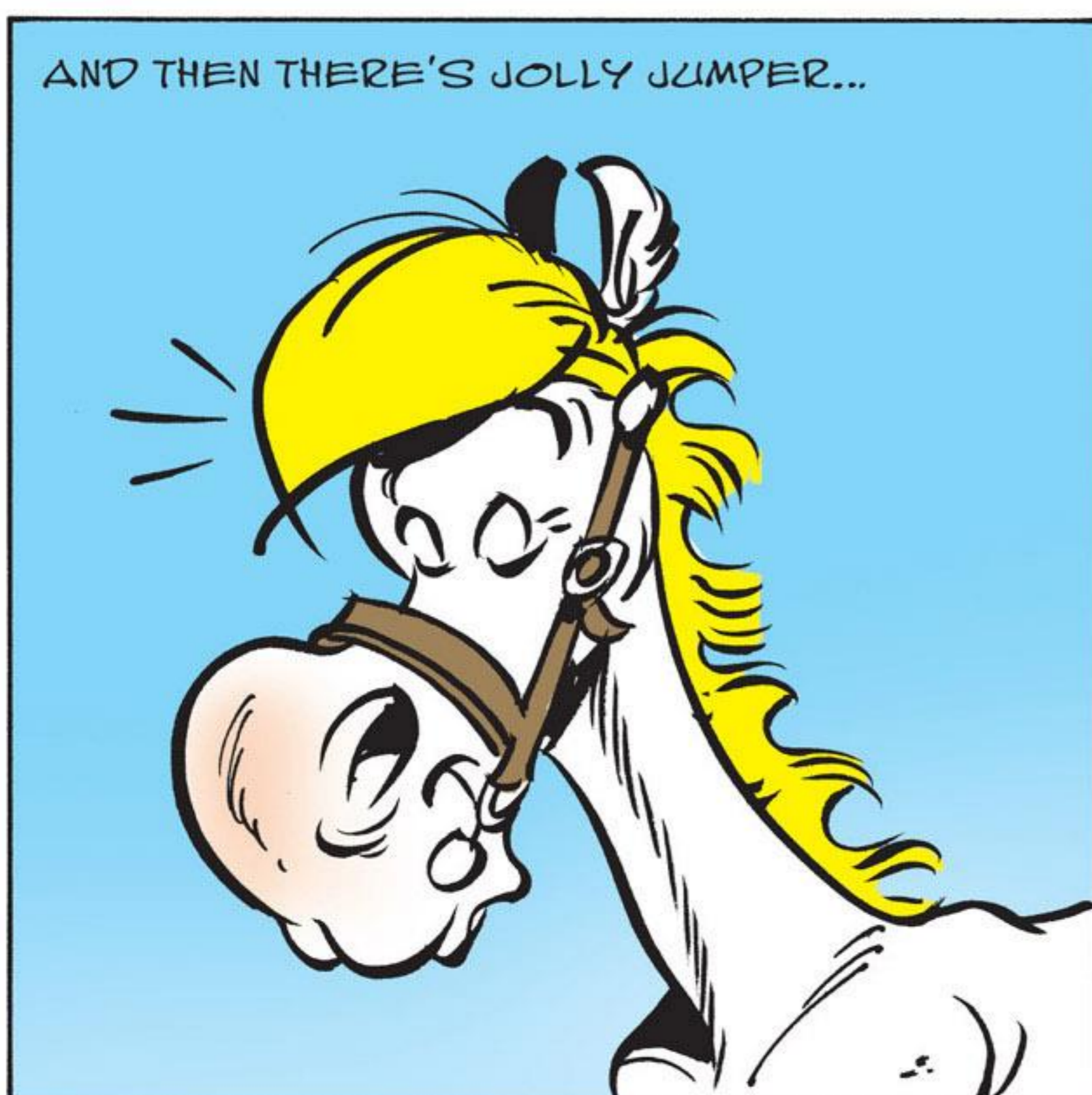
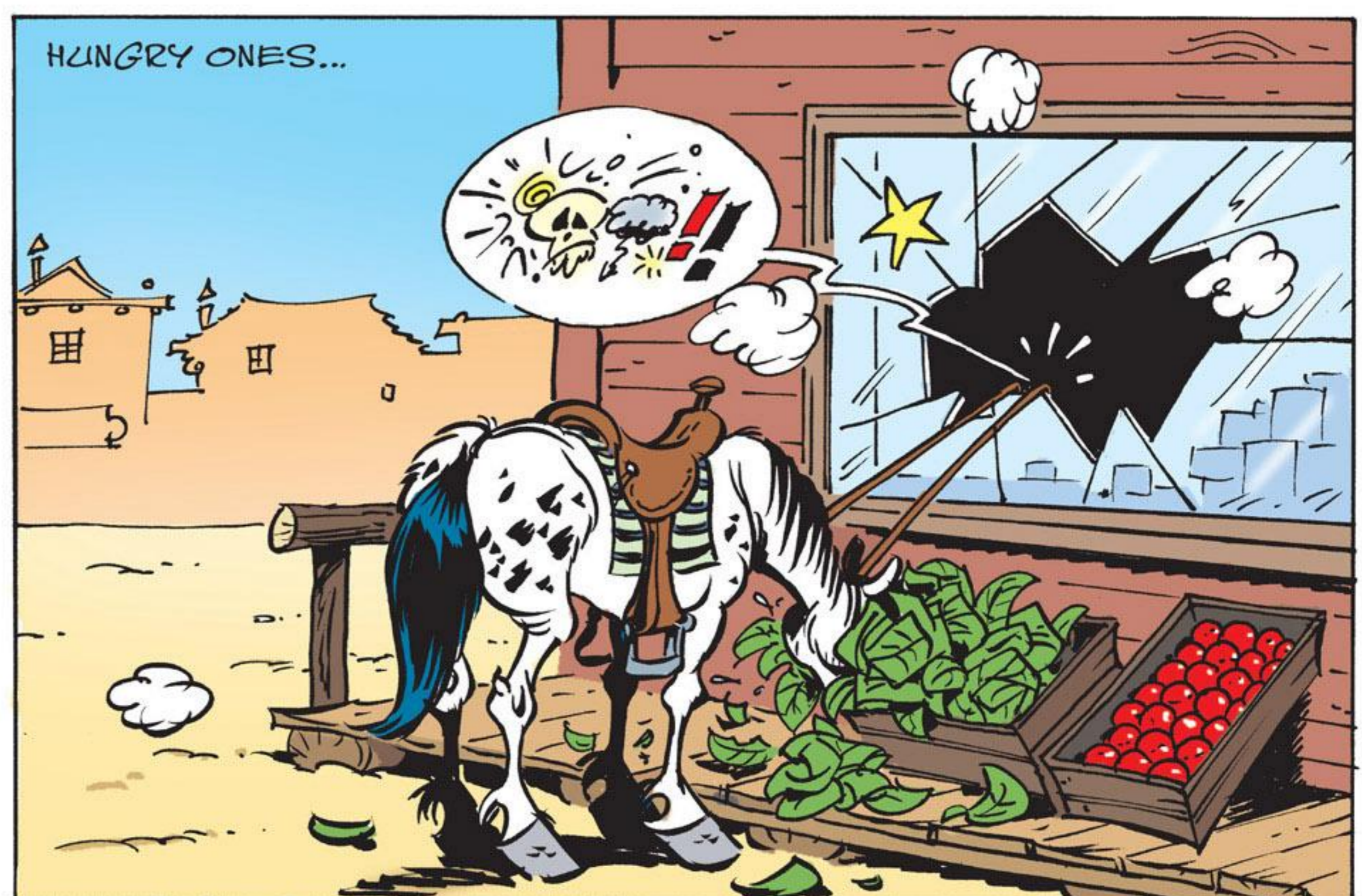
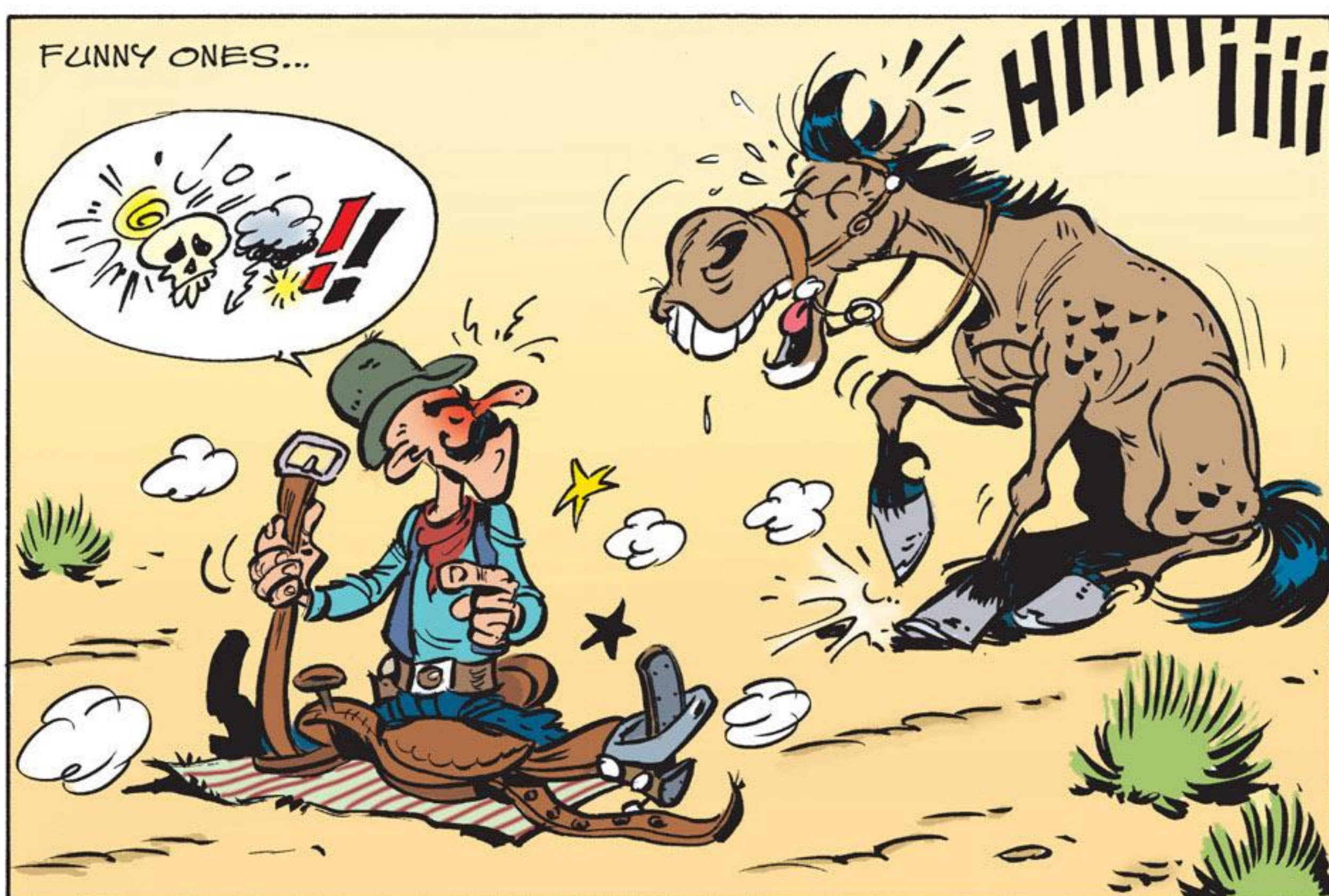
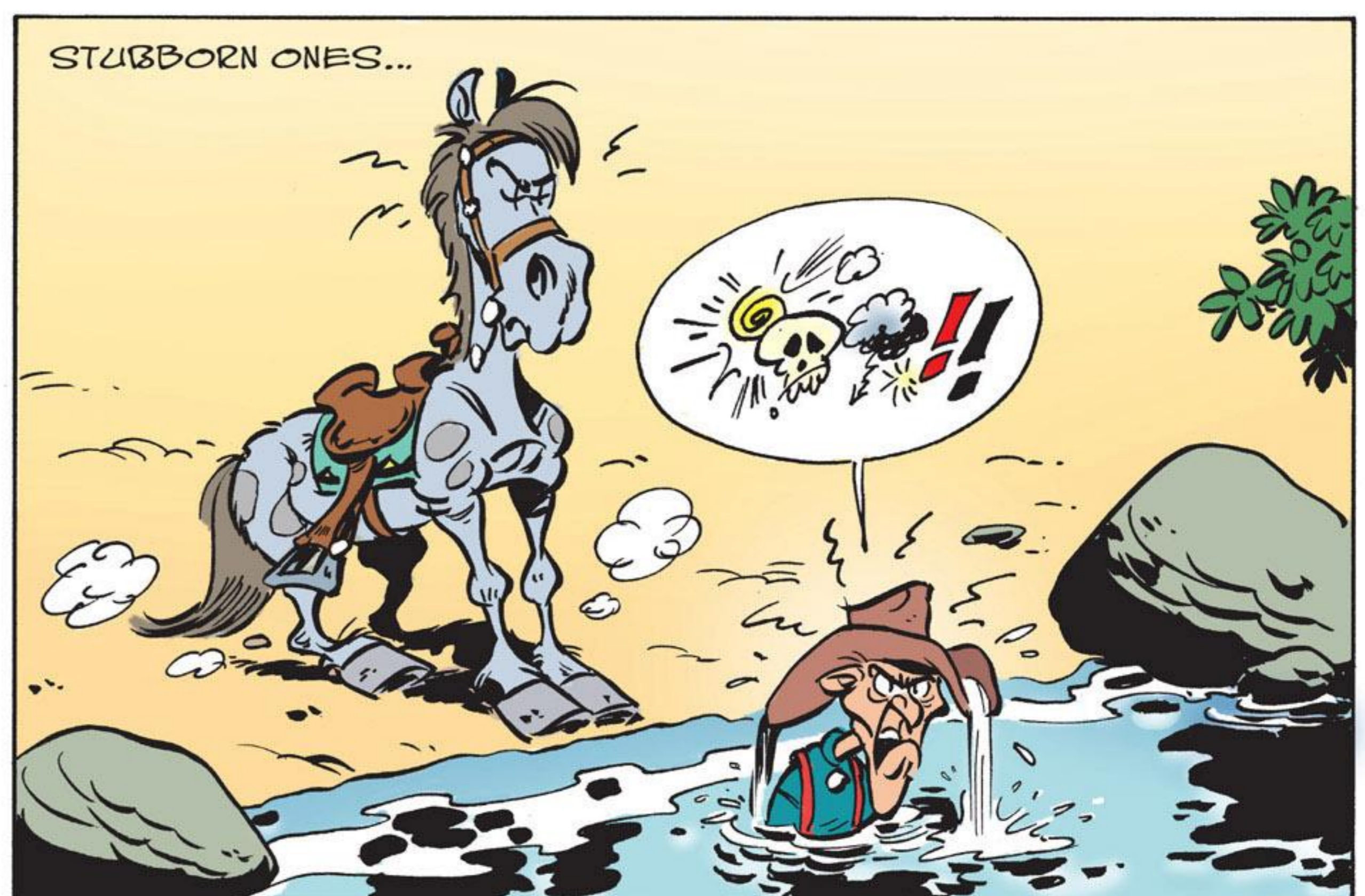
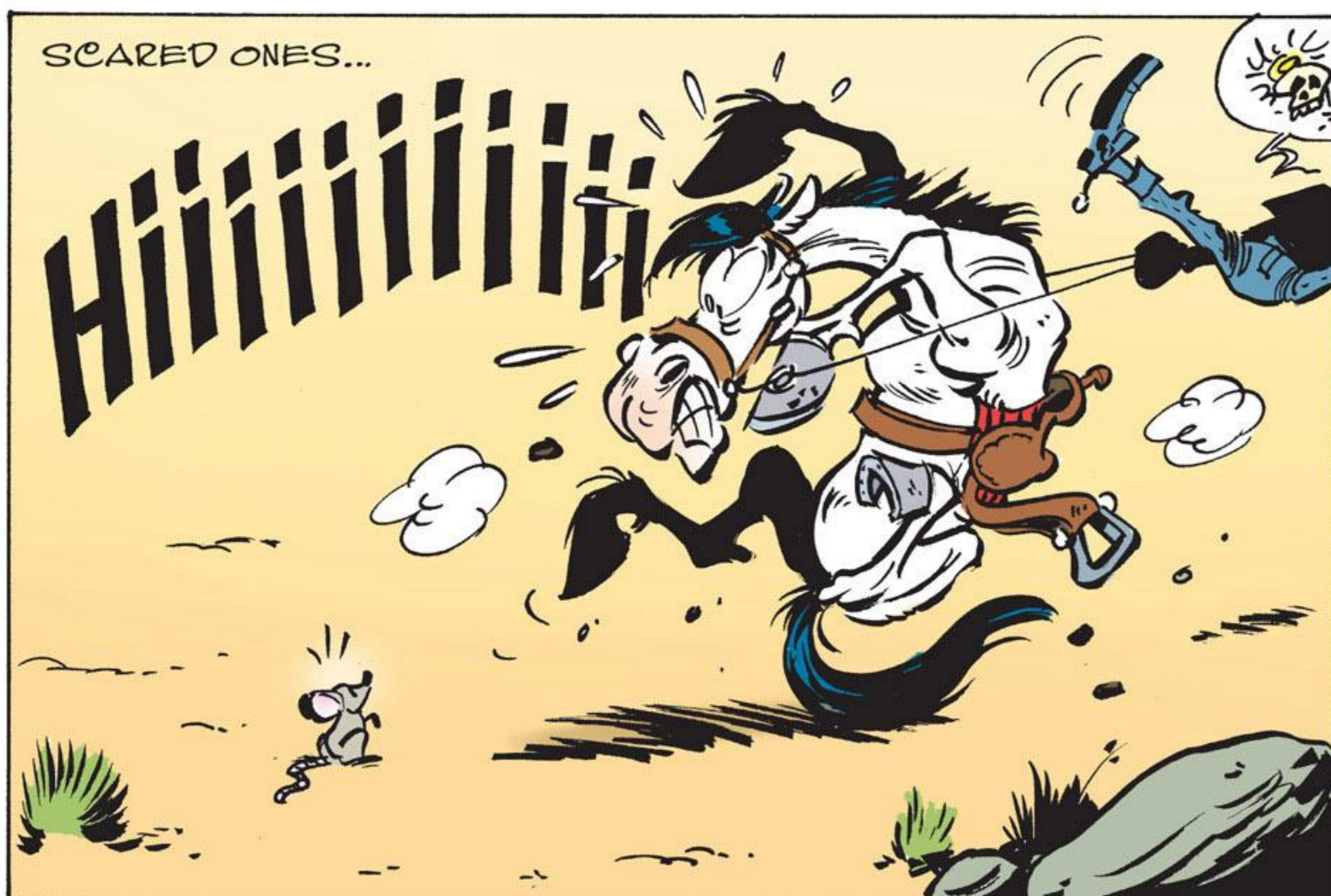
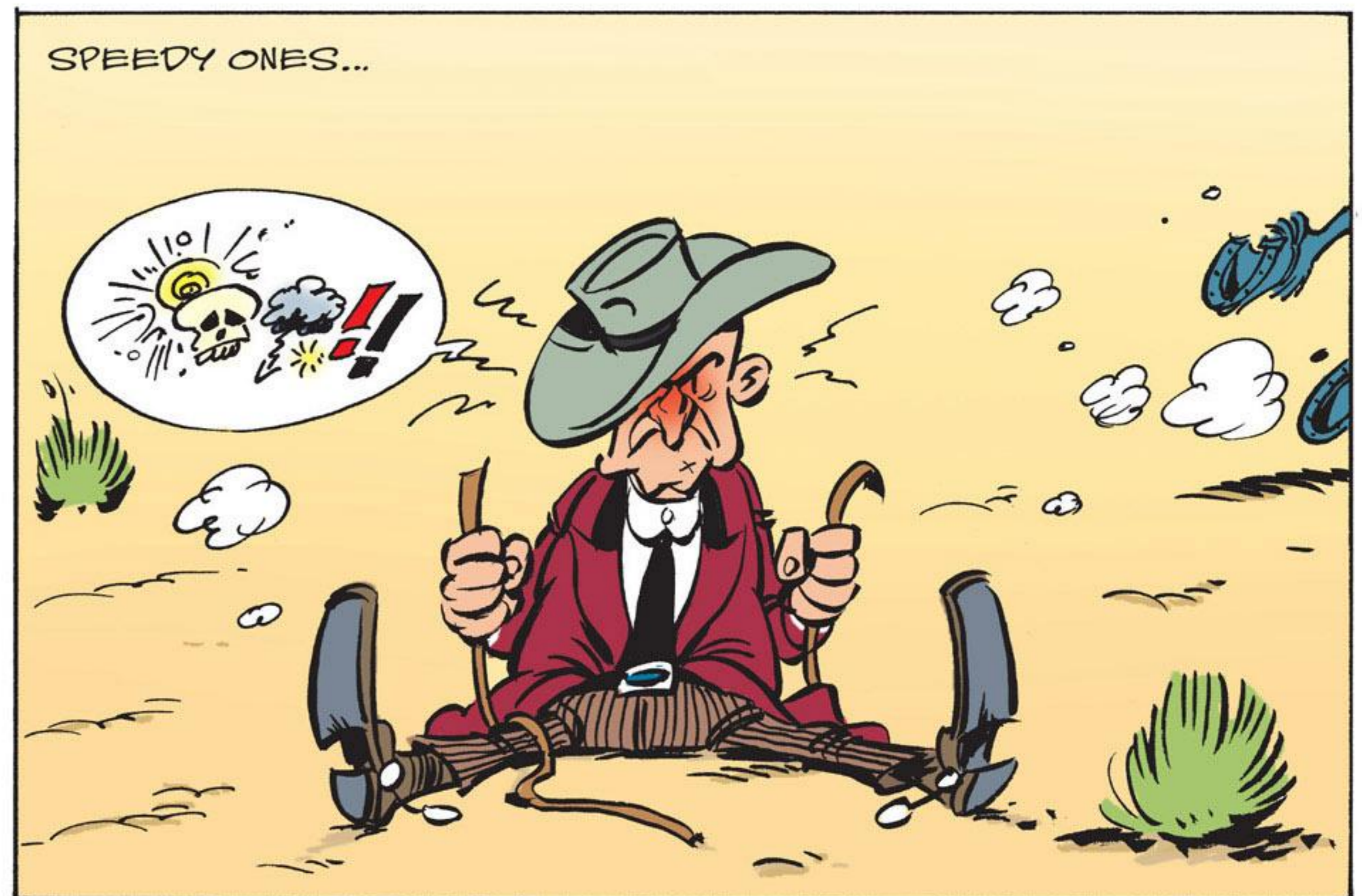
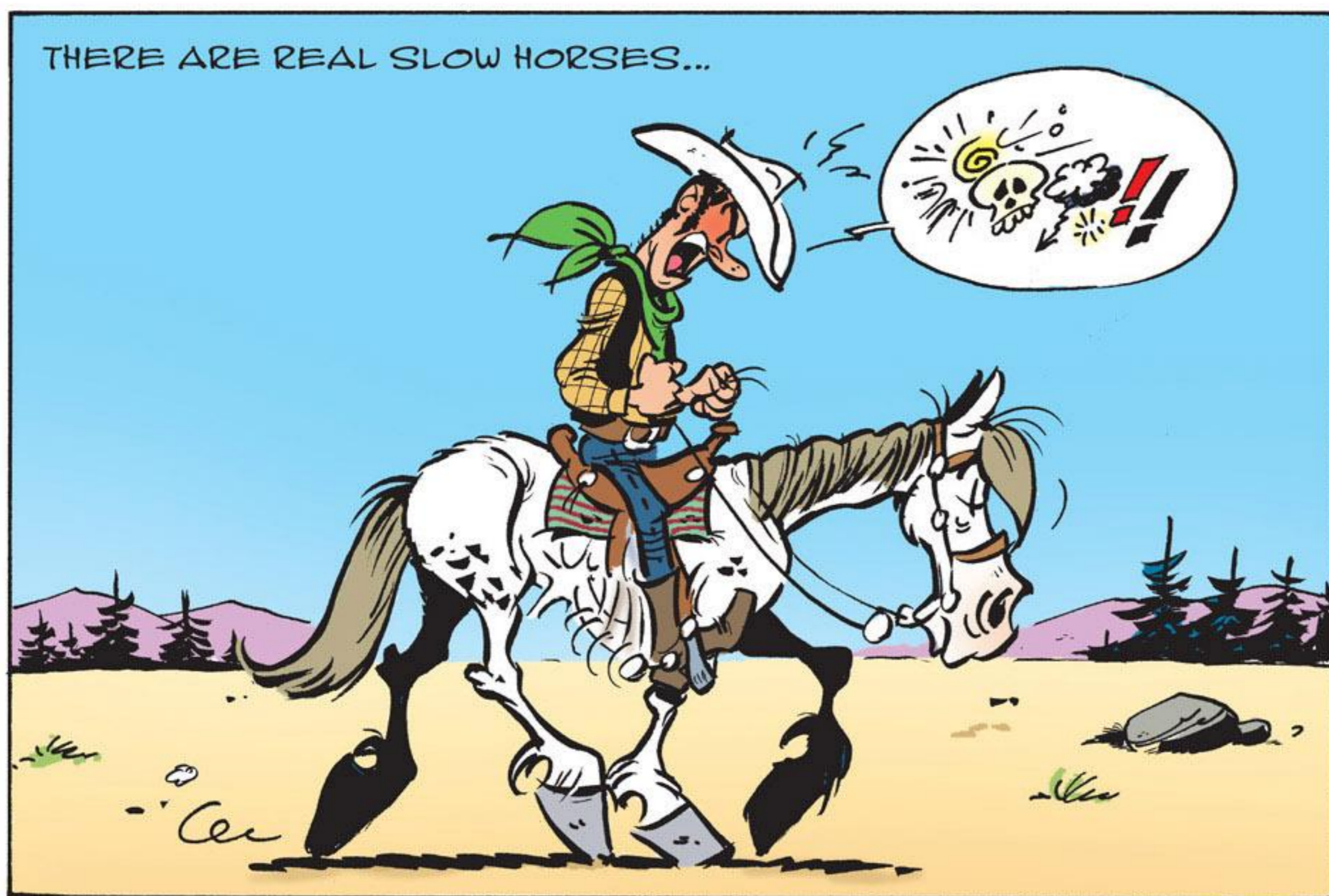
Would you believe? Although the rattlesnake is a highly venomous snake, it's only dangerous when disturbed. The sound of its rattle can be heard from afar, but the rattlesnake itself doesn't hear a thing. It's as deaf as a post, like all snakes.



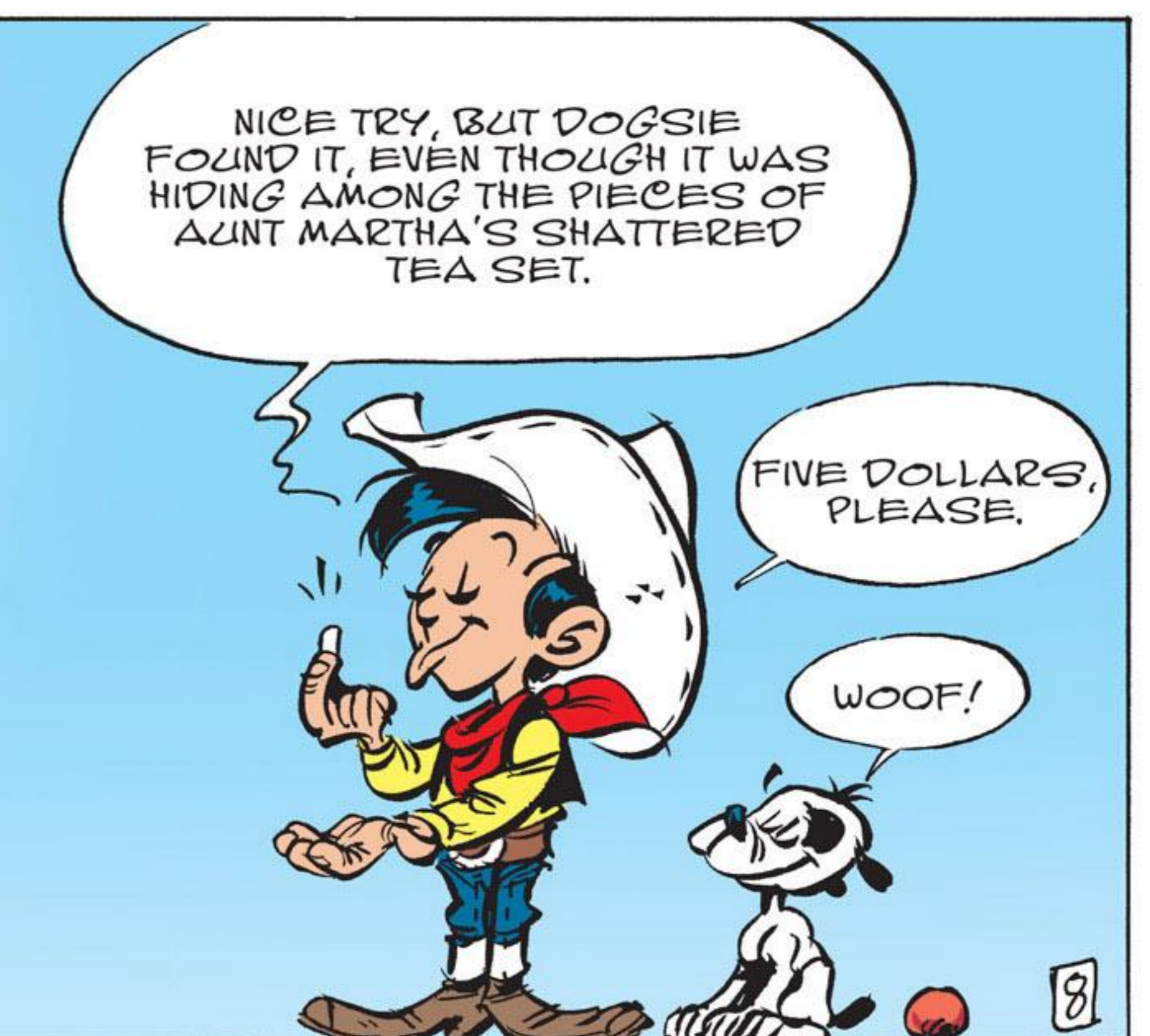
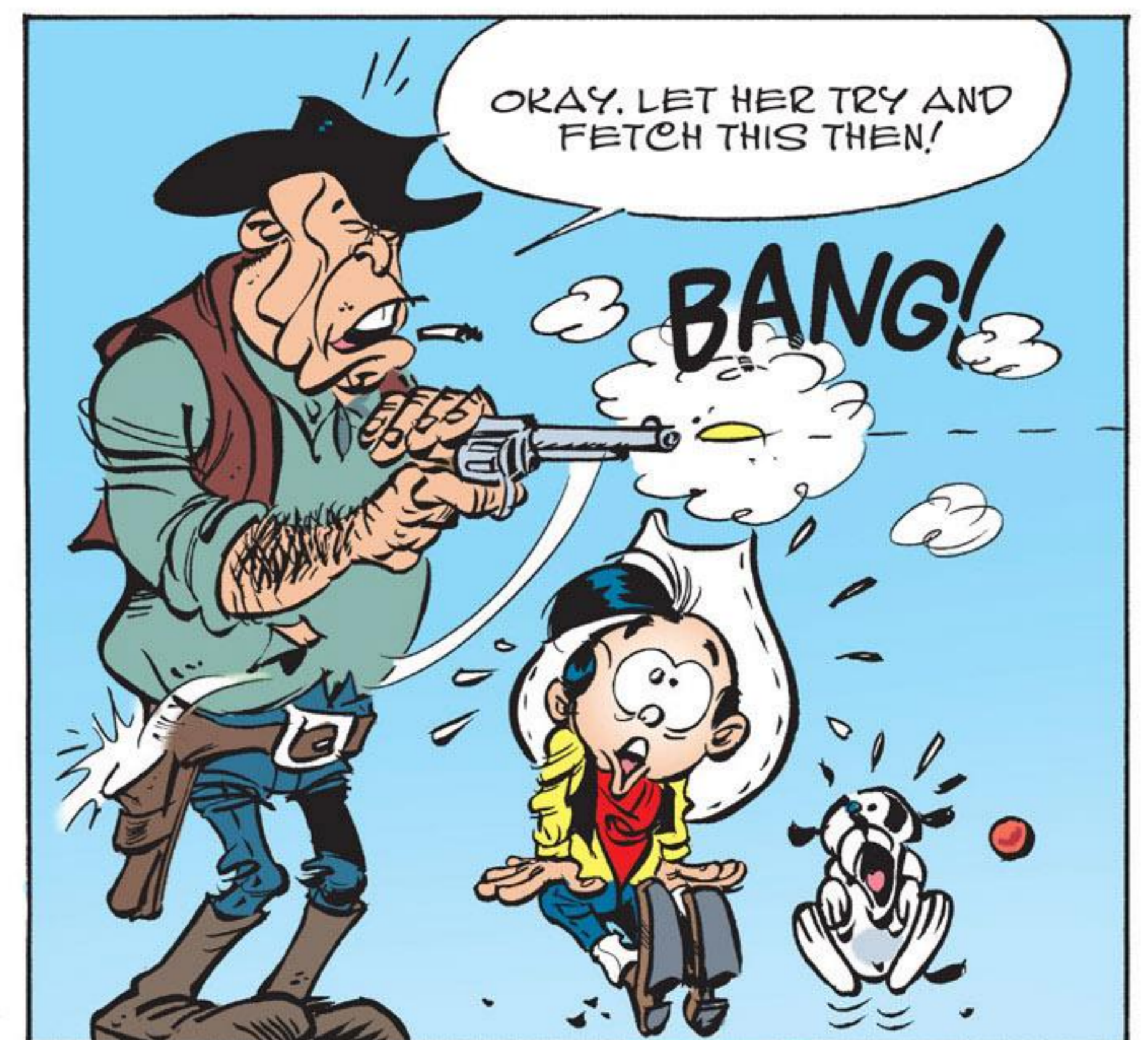
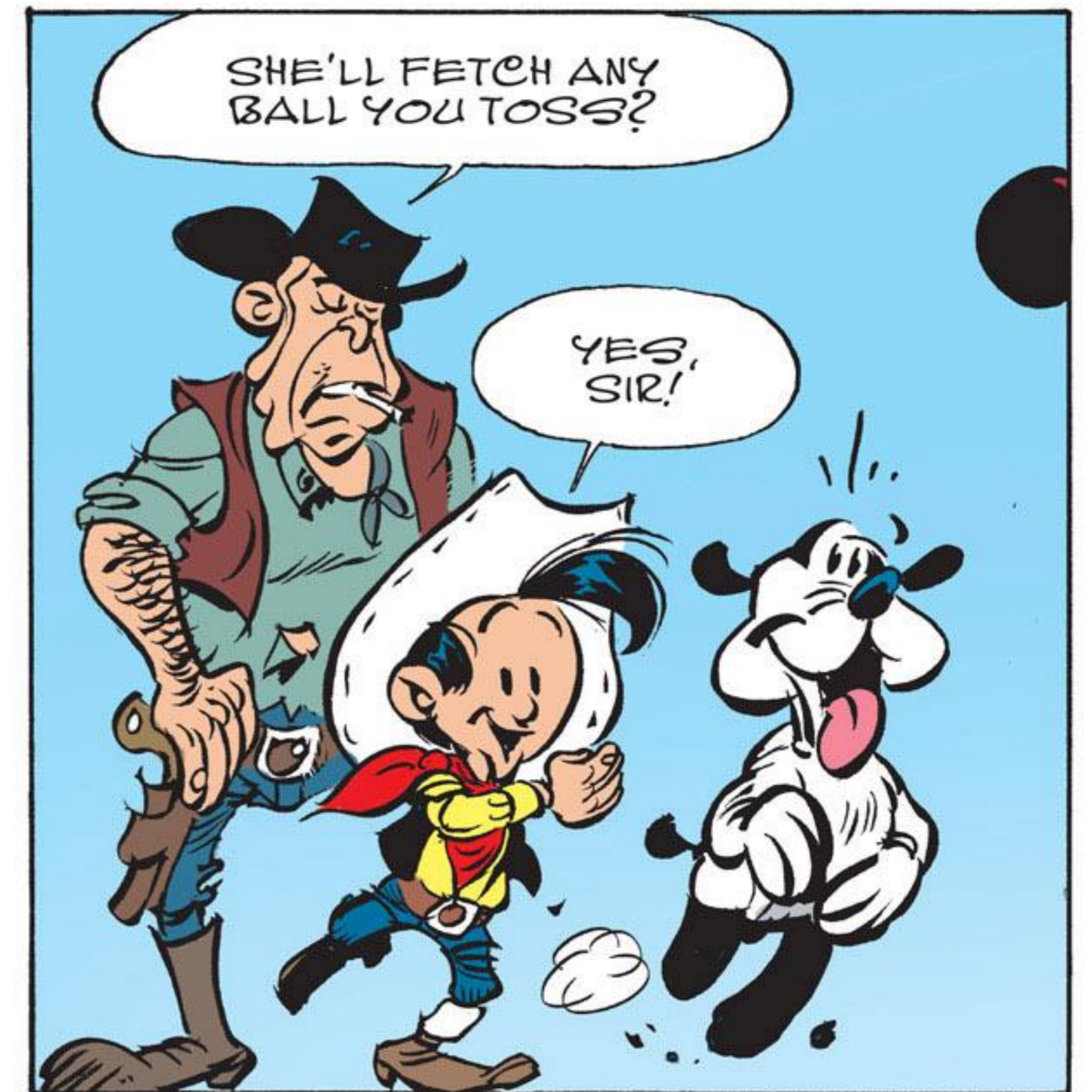
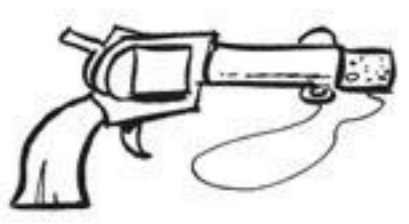
Would you believe? Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in Canada and the United States, but strangely enough, not on the same day. It's mostly an excuse to eat a nice, fat turkey with loved ones!



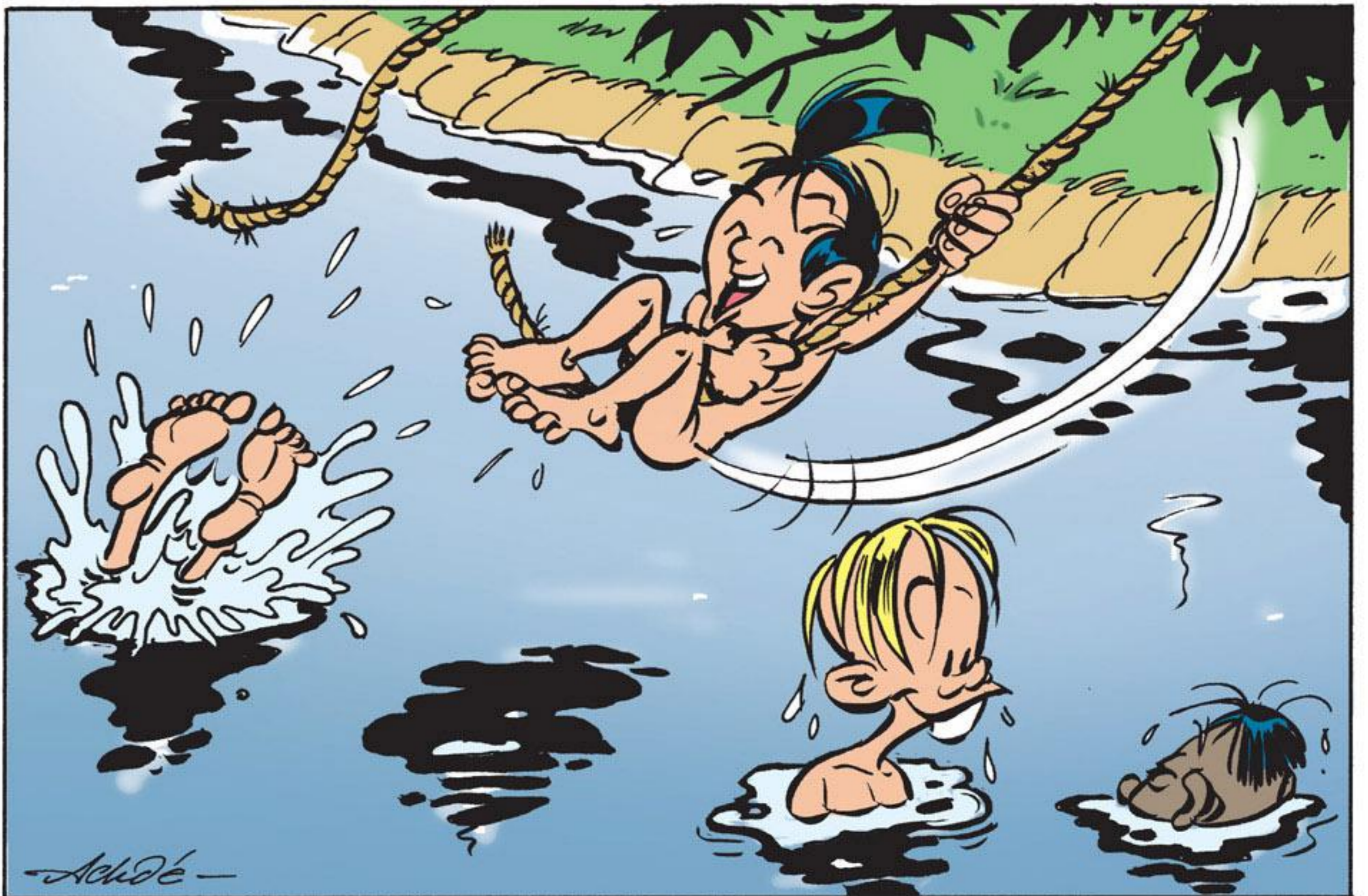
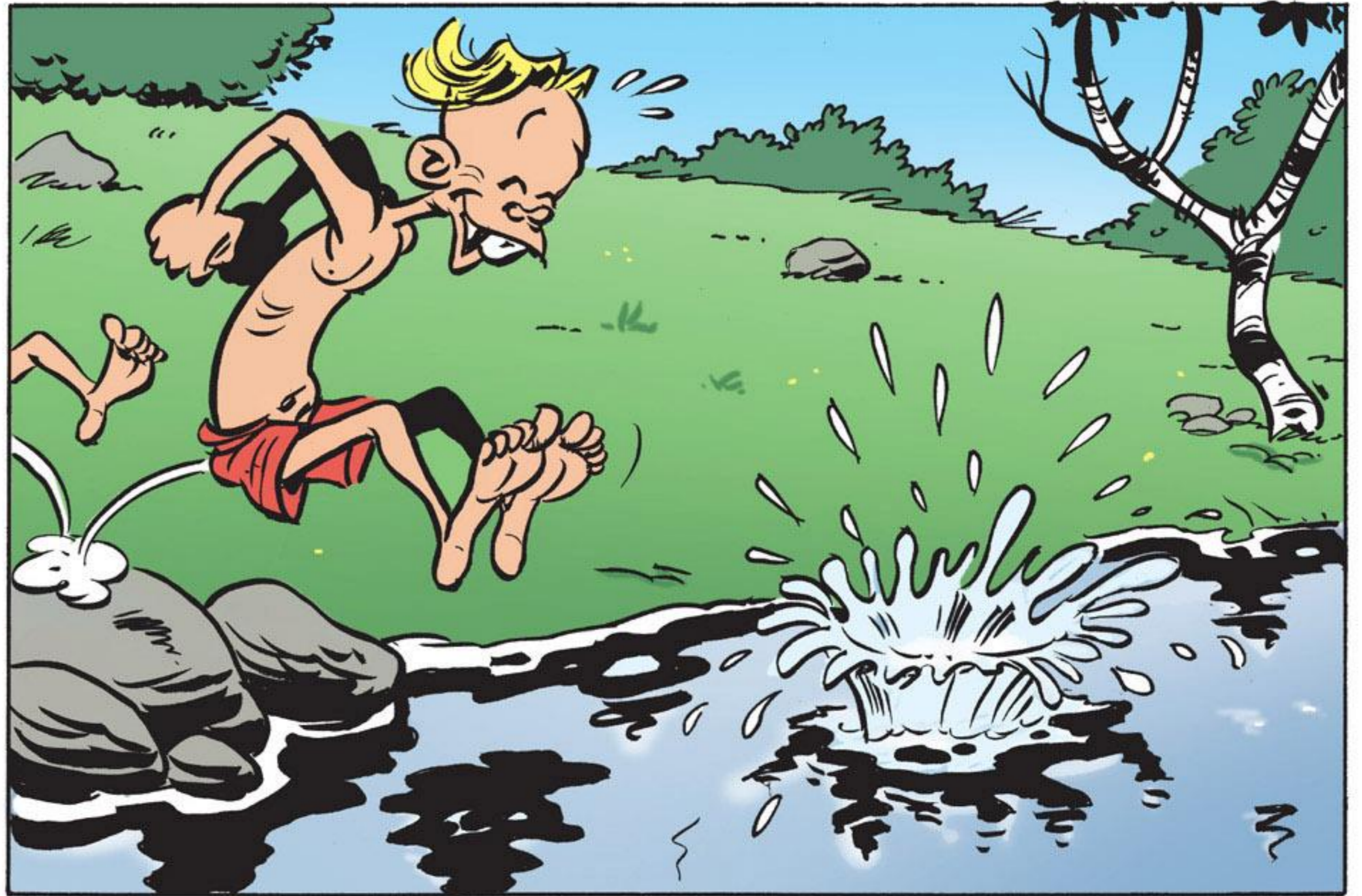
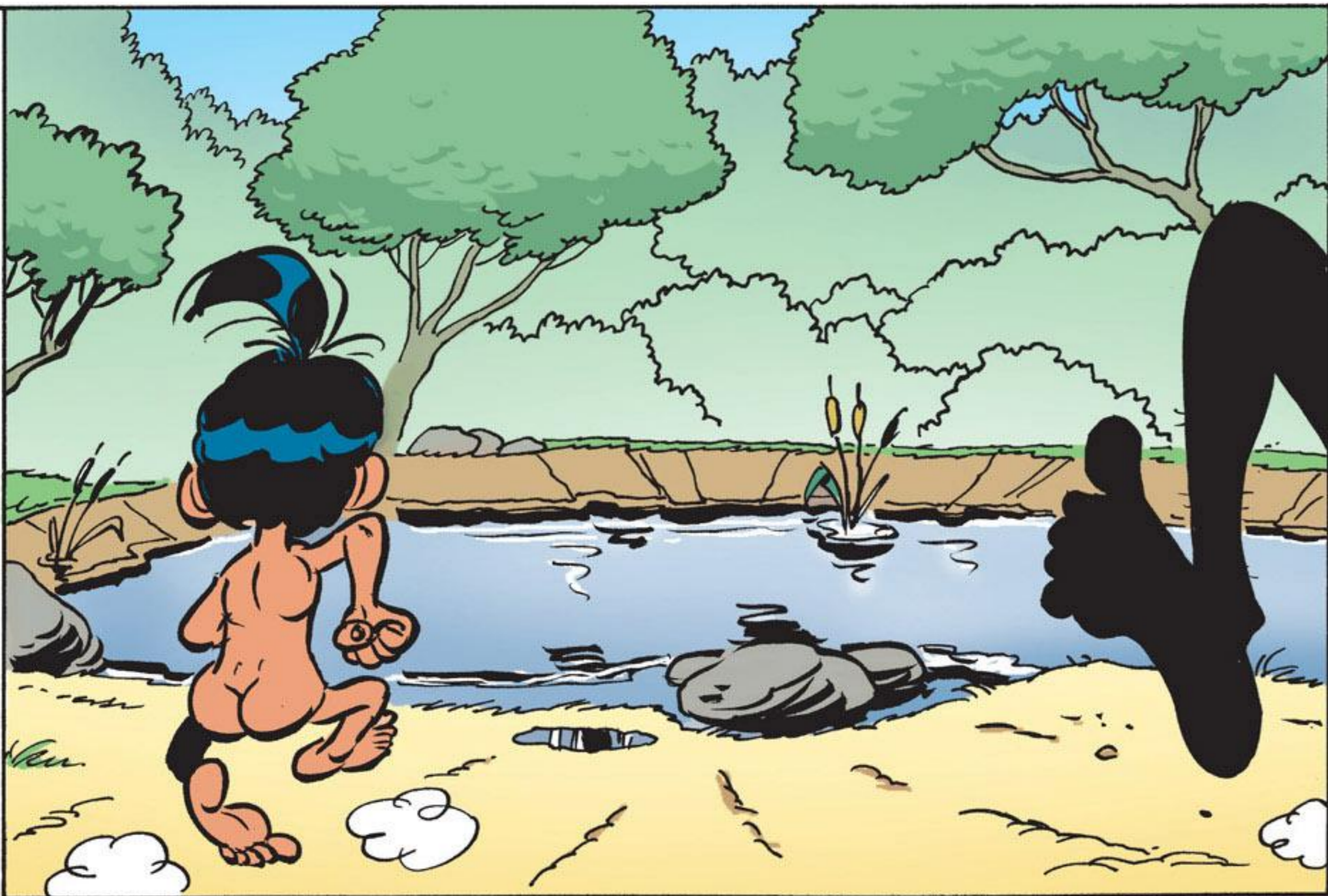
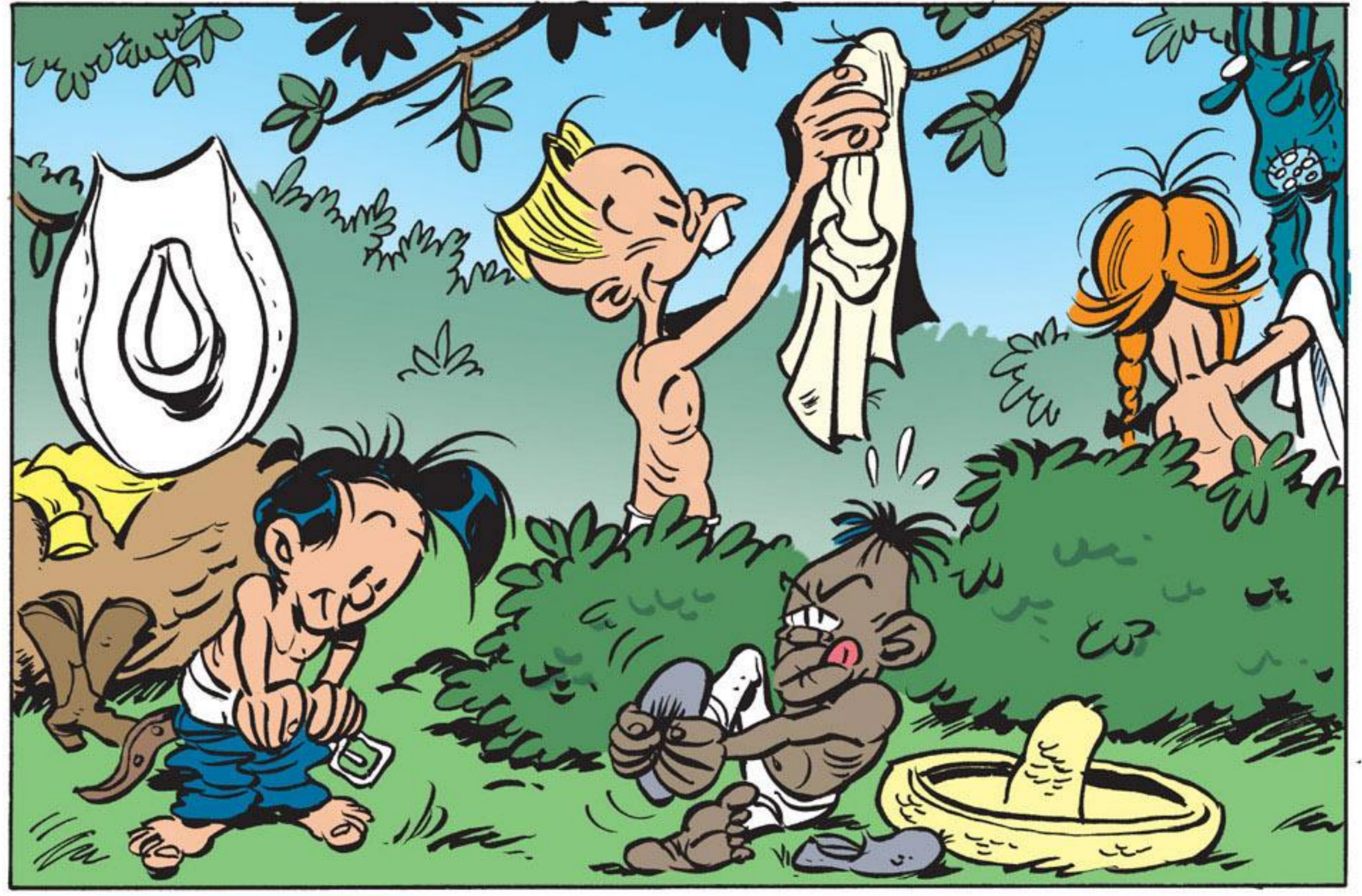
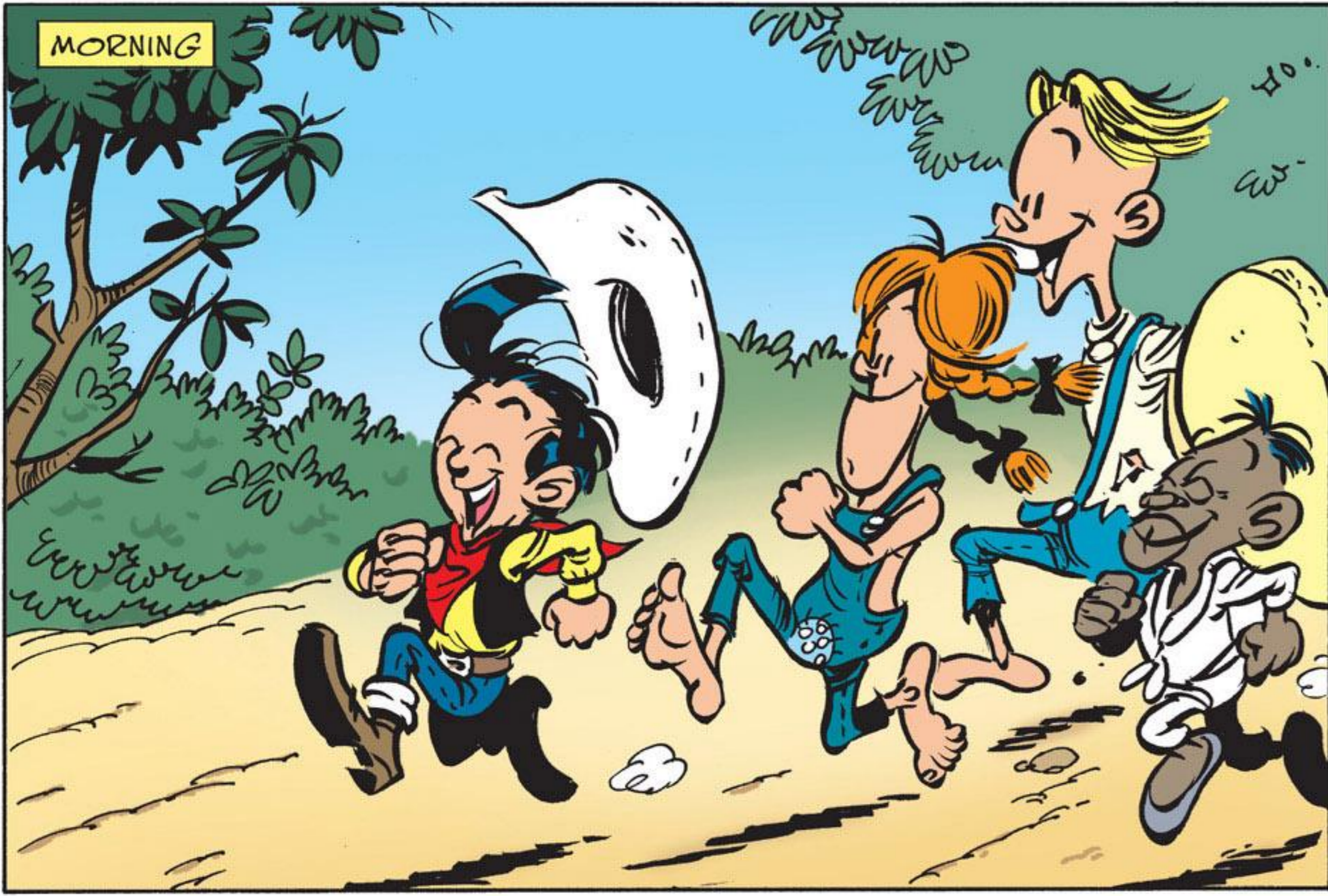
Would you believe? The drum is important in Amerindian traditions. Native Americans used it during religious ceremonies to celebrate courageous warriors, warn friends, or set the rhythm for certain shamanistic rituals. In the end, its role is similar to that of the African tom-tom drum.



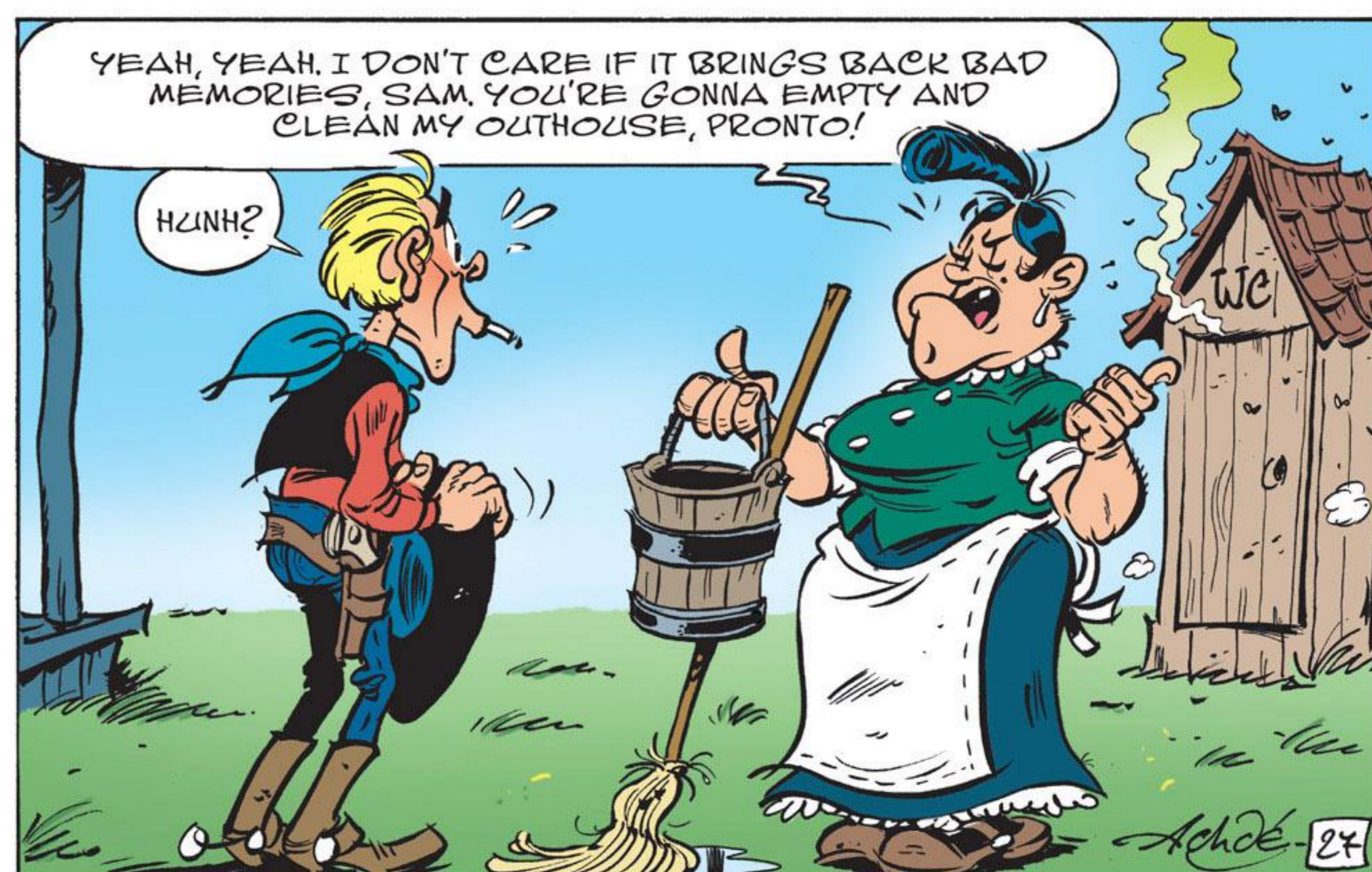
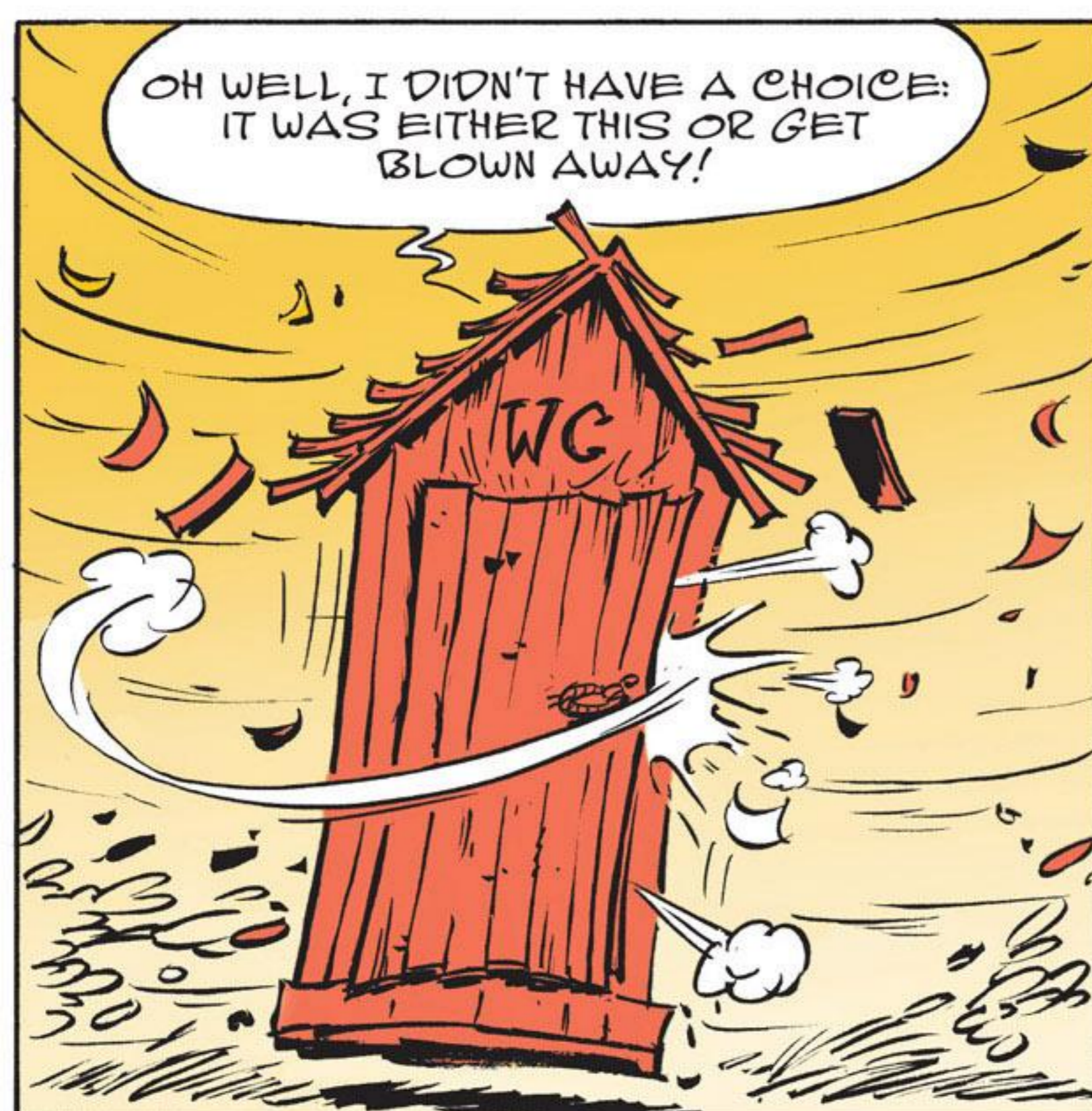
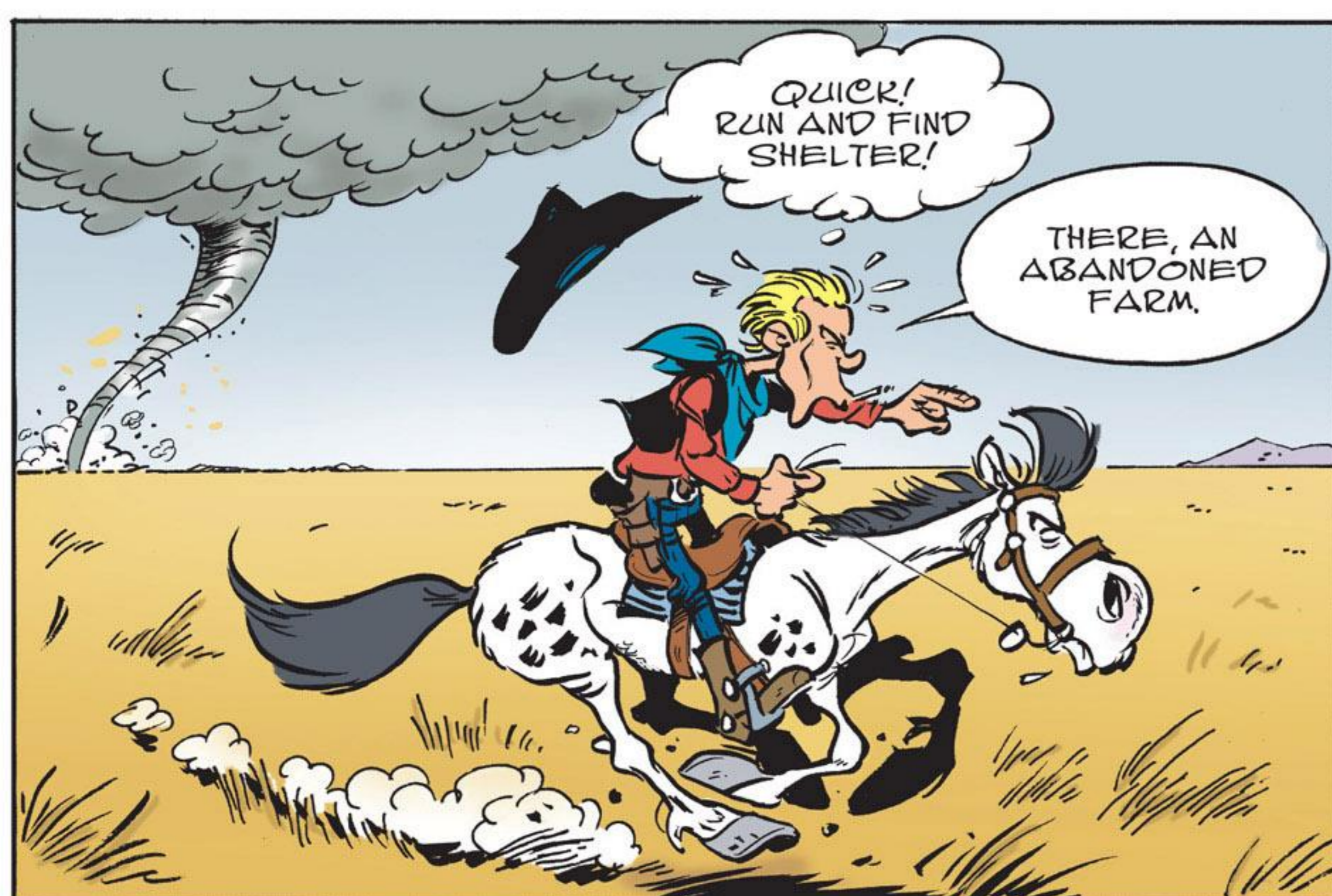
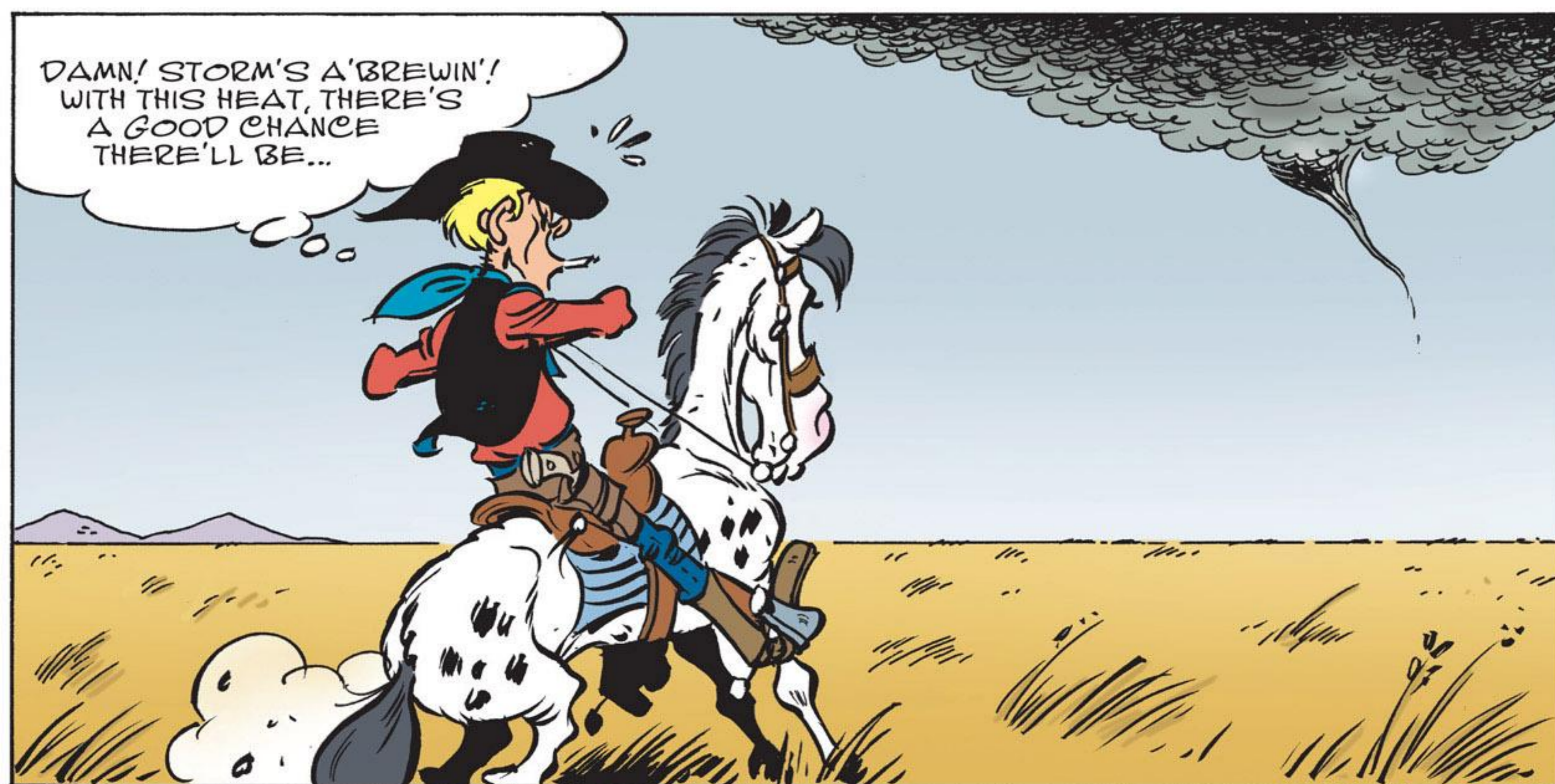
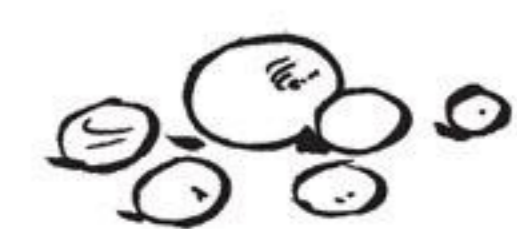
Would you believe? There are dozens of types of American horses, the most popular being the quarter horse. They all, however, come from elsewhere, since before the arrival of the Spanish, there weren't any horses in America. The Native Americans had to get around on foot!



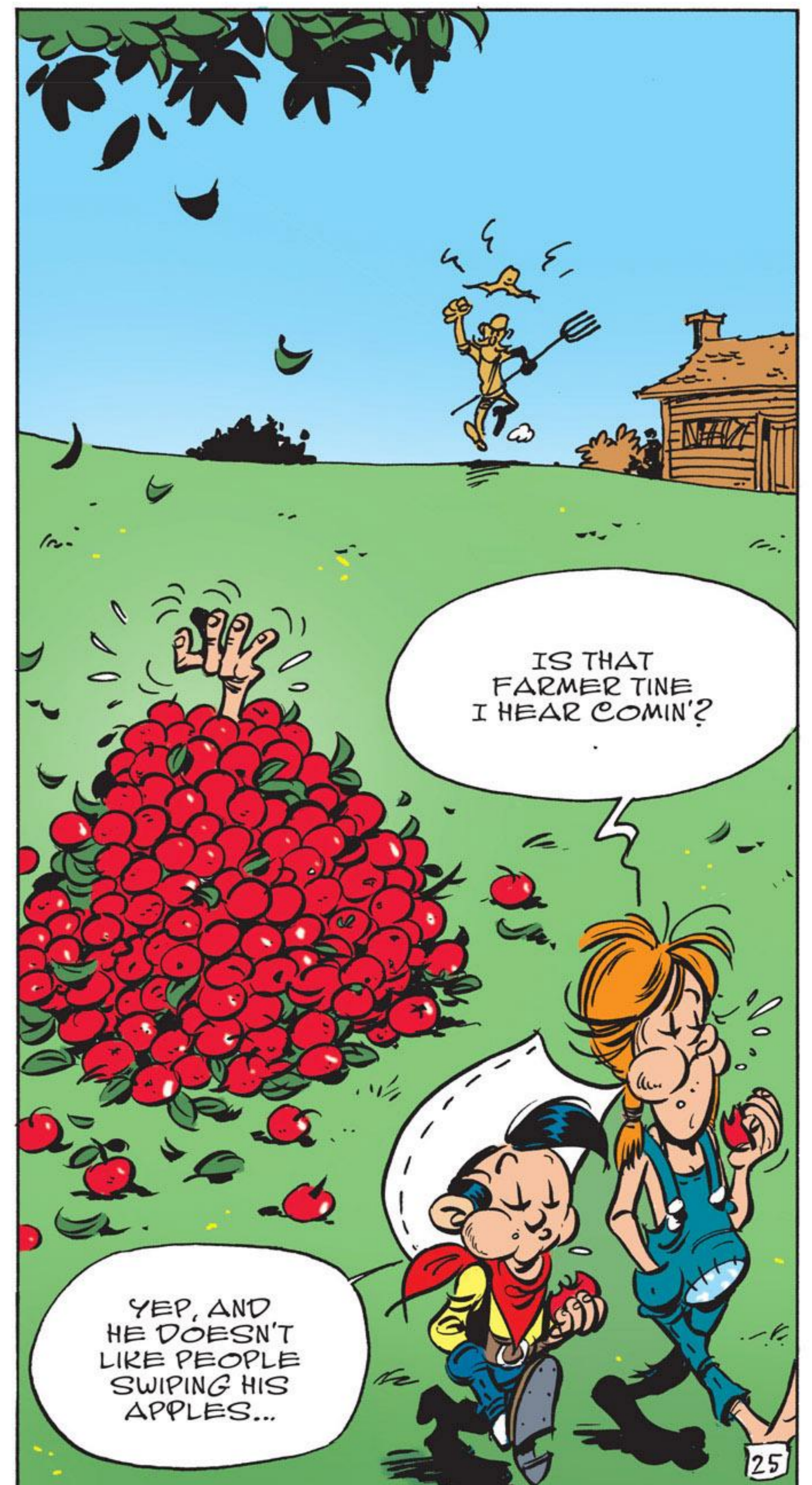
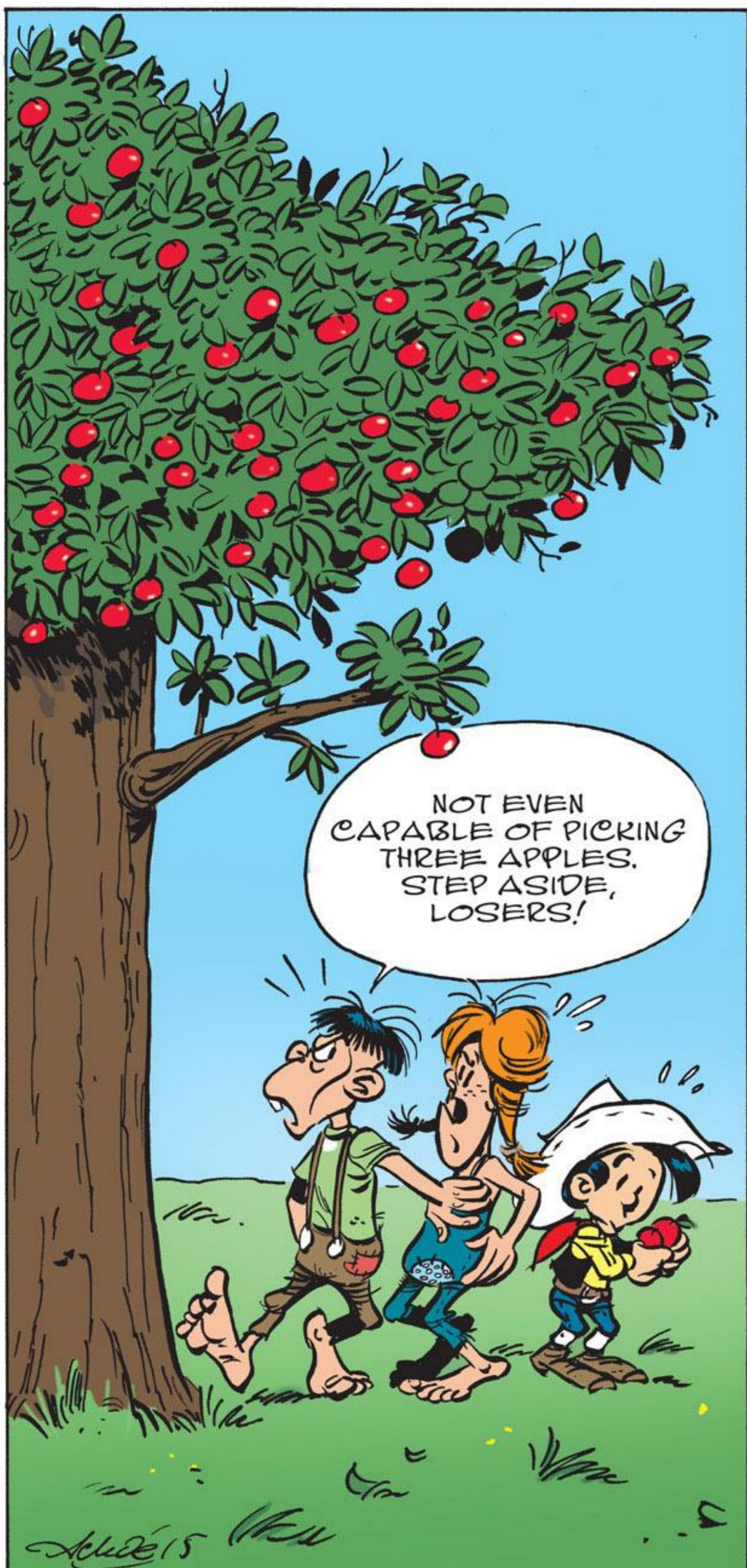
Would you believe? When you play fetch with a four-year-old dog, it's actually 39 in human years. Moral of the story: dogs are just big kids!



Would you believe? When out on cattle drives, cowboys would bathe in rainwater or the rare stream, and they often went several weeks without finding one. Talk about stinky!



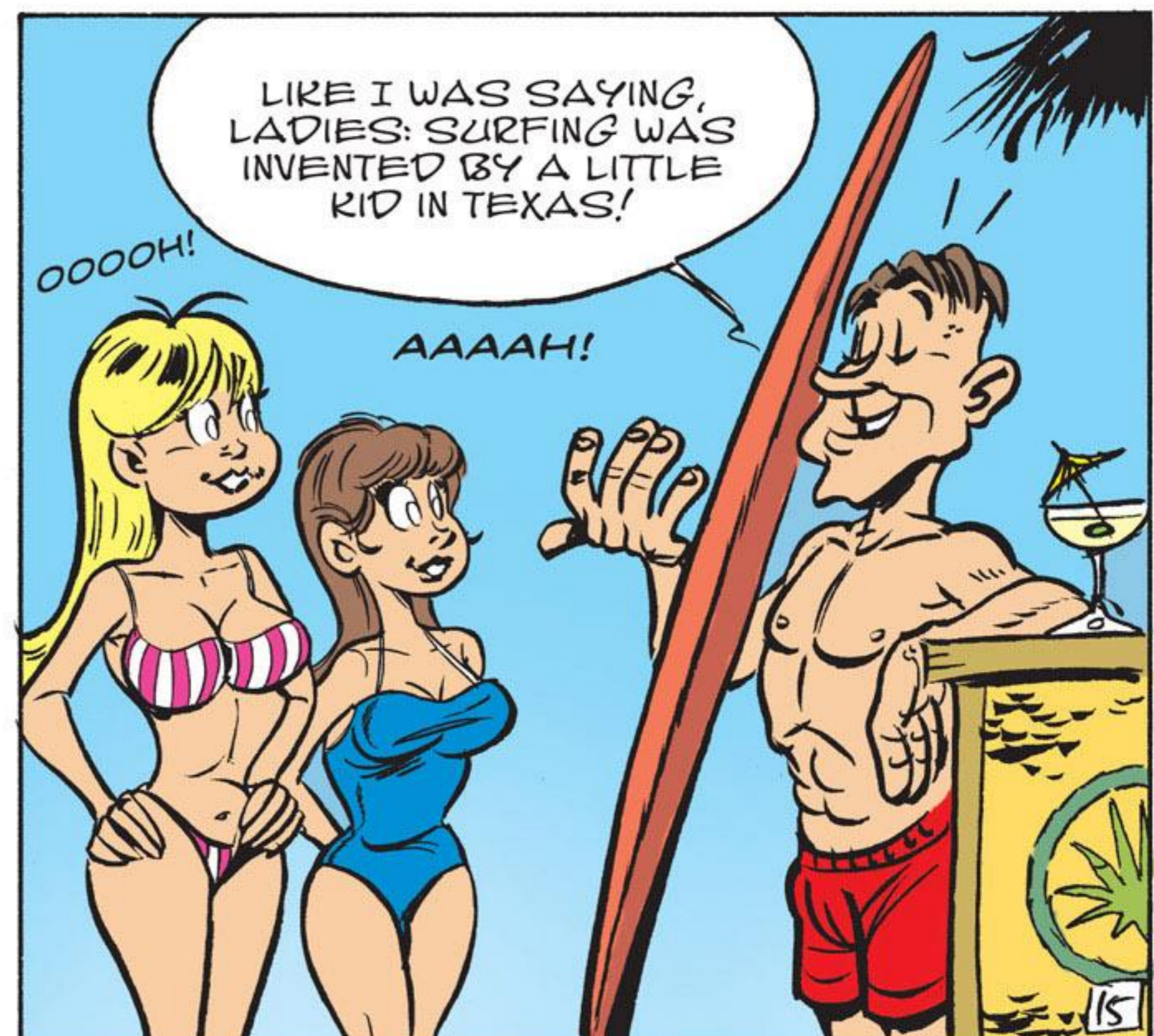
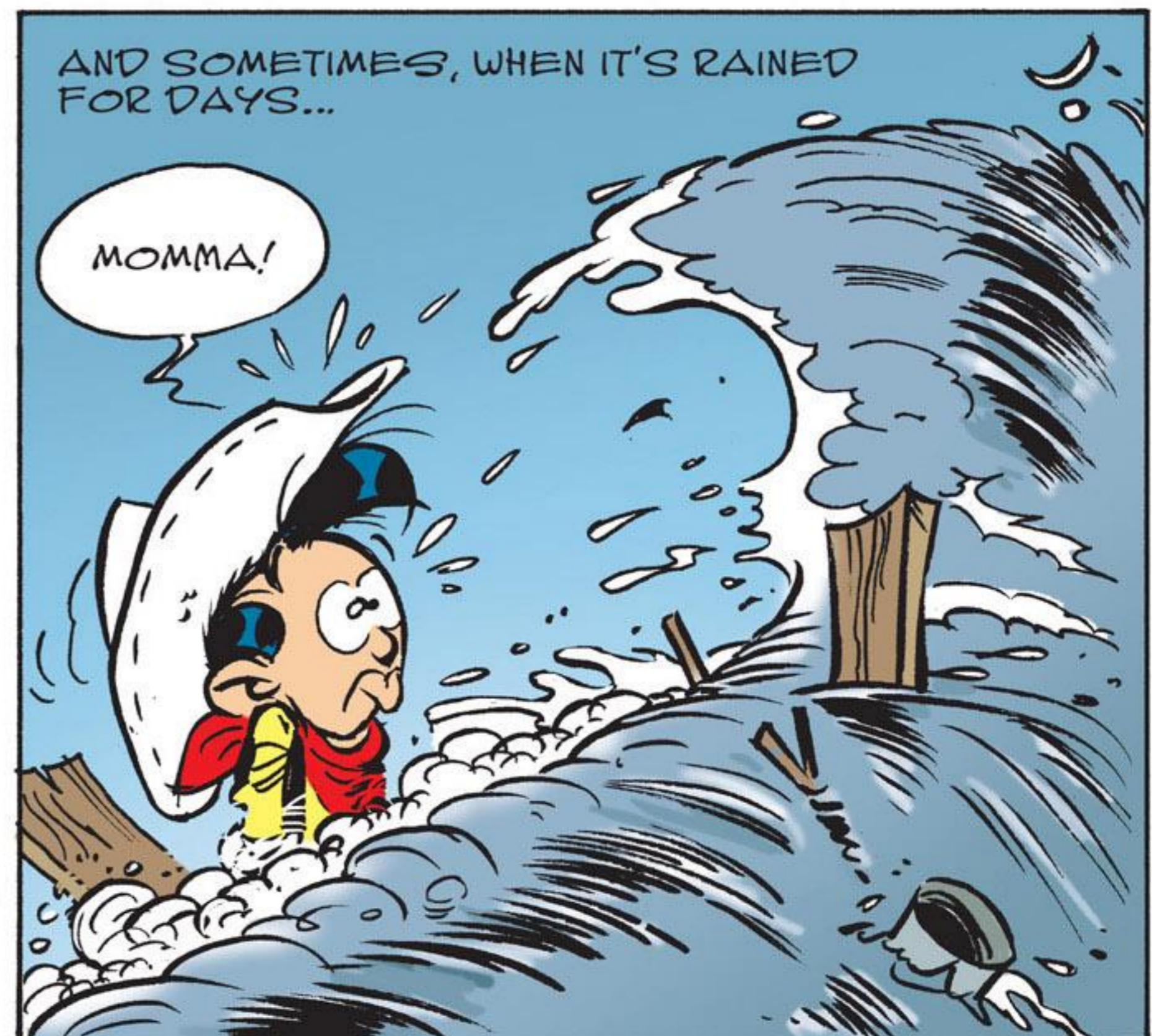
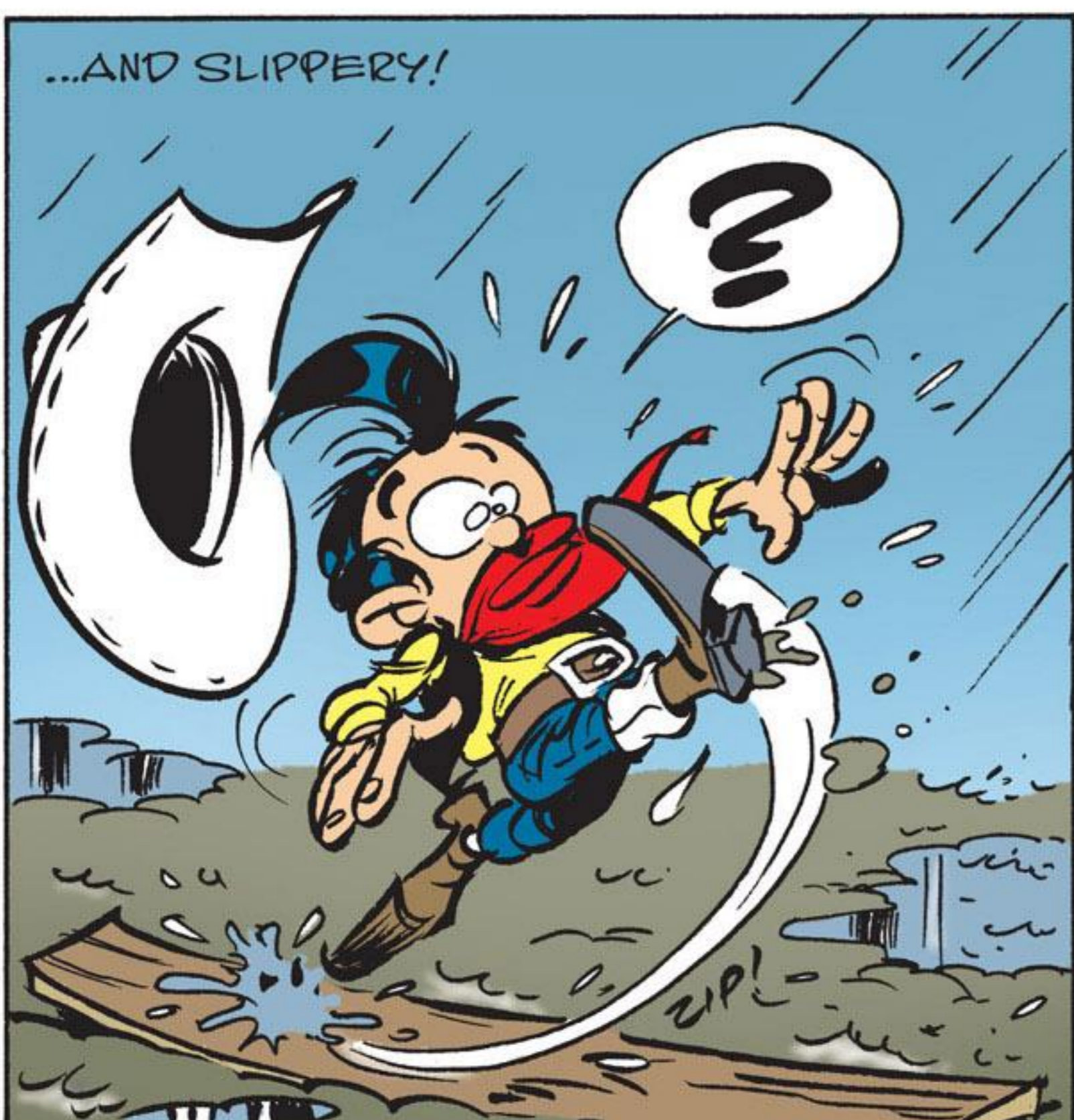
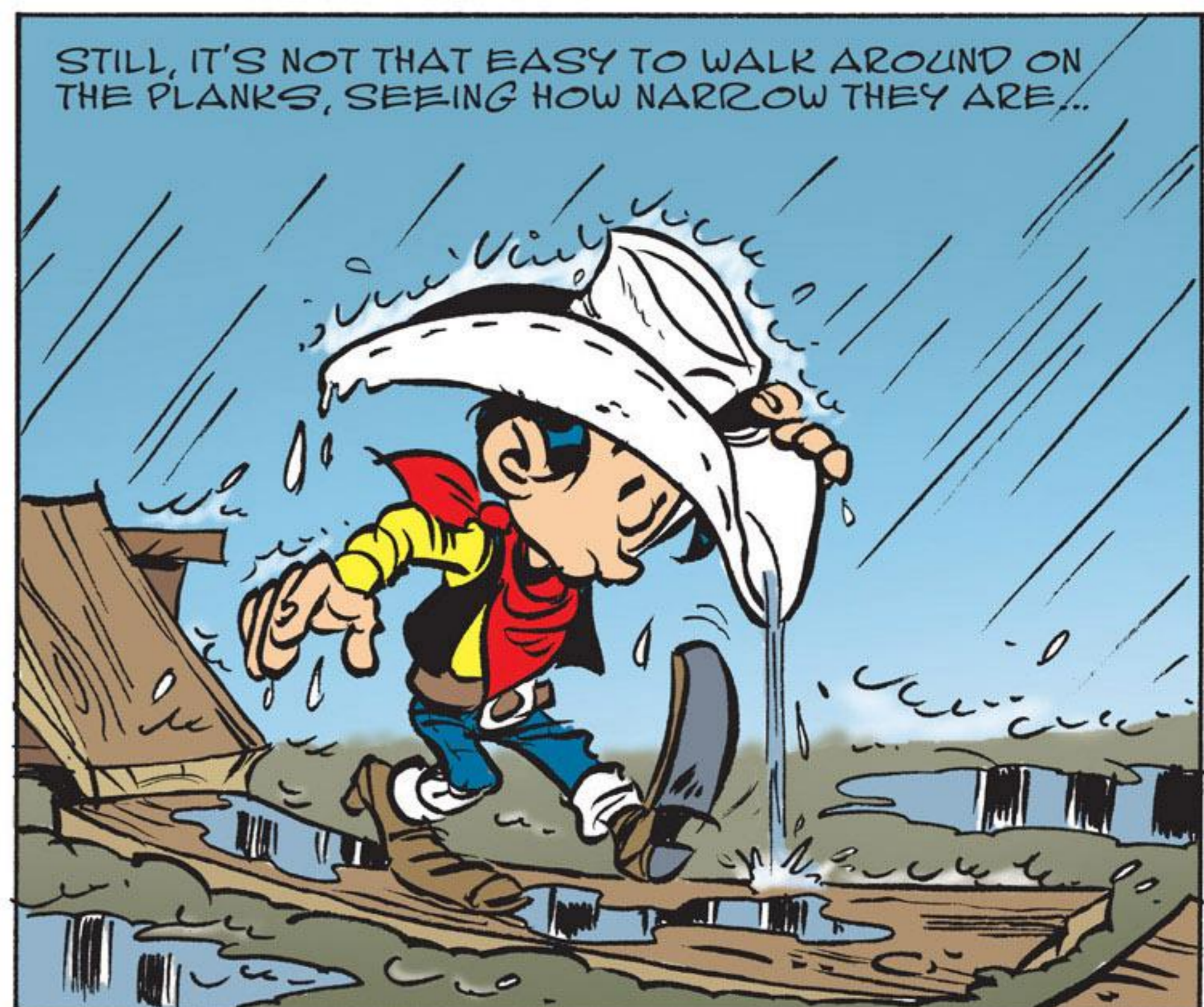
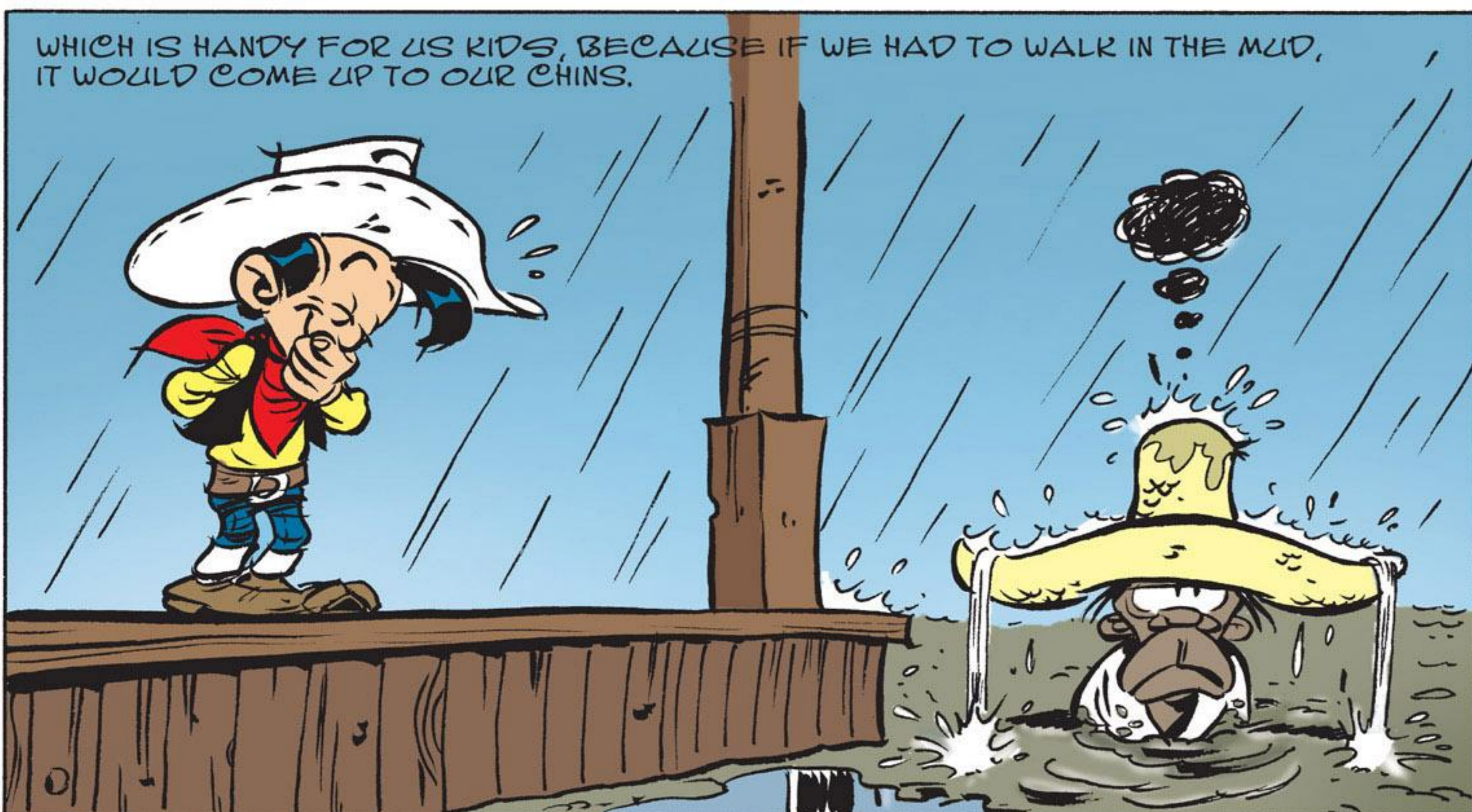
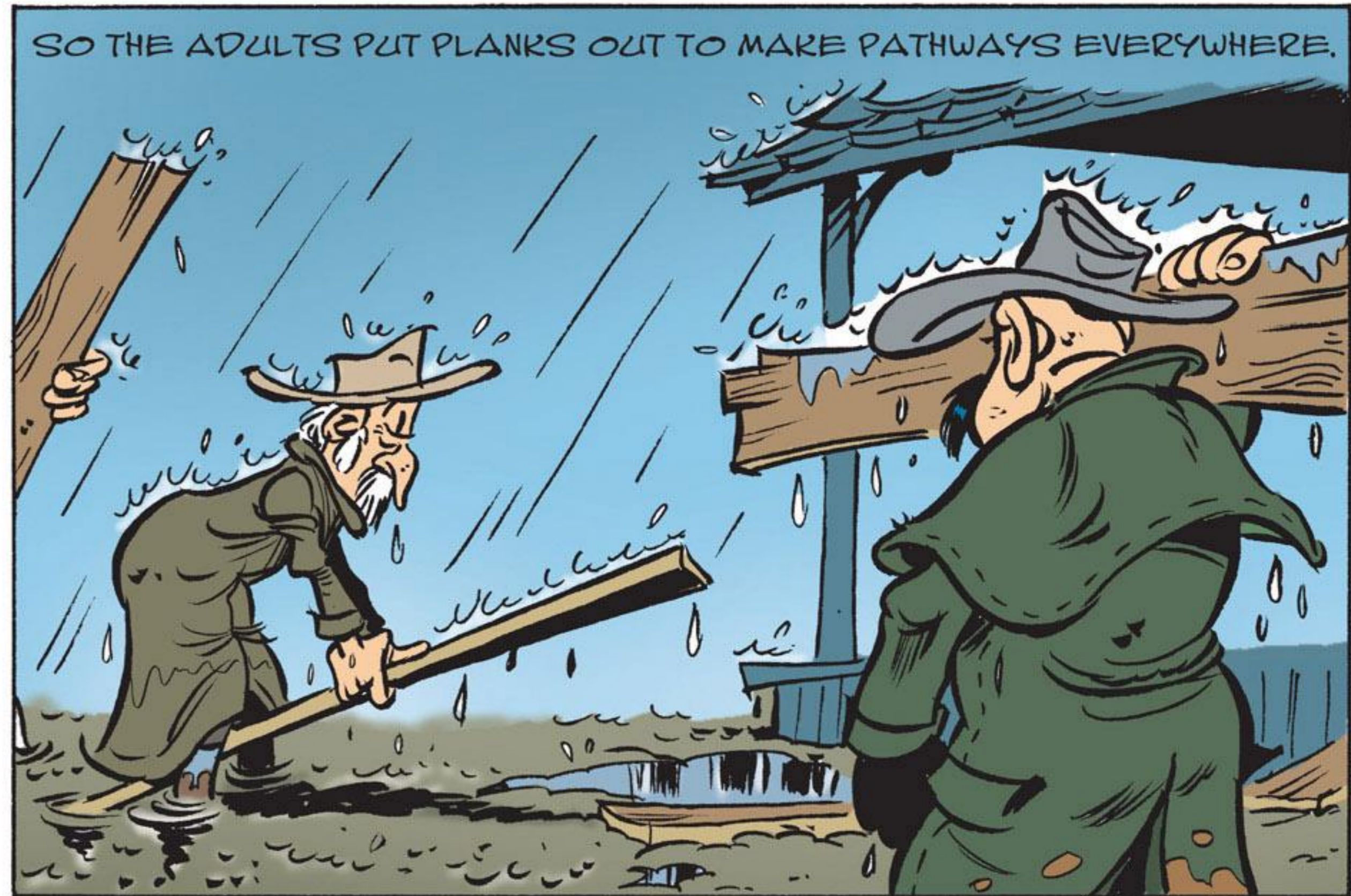
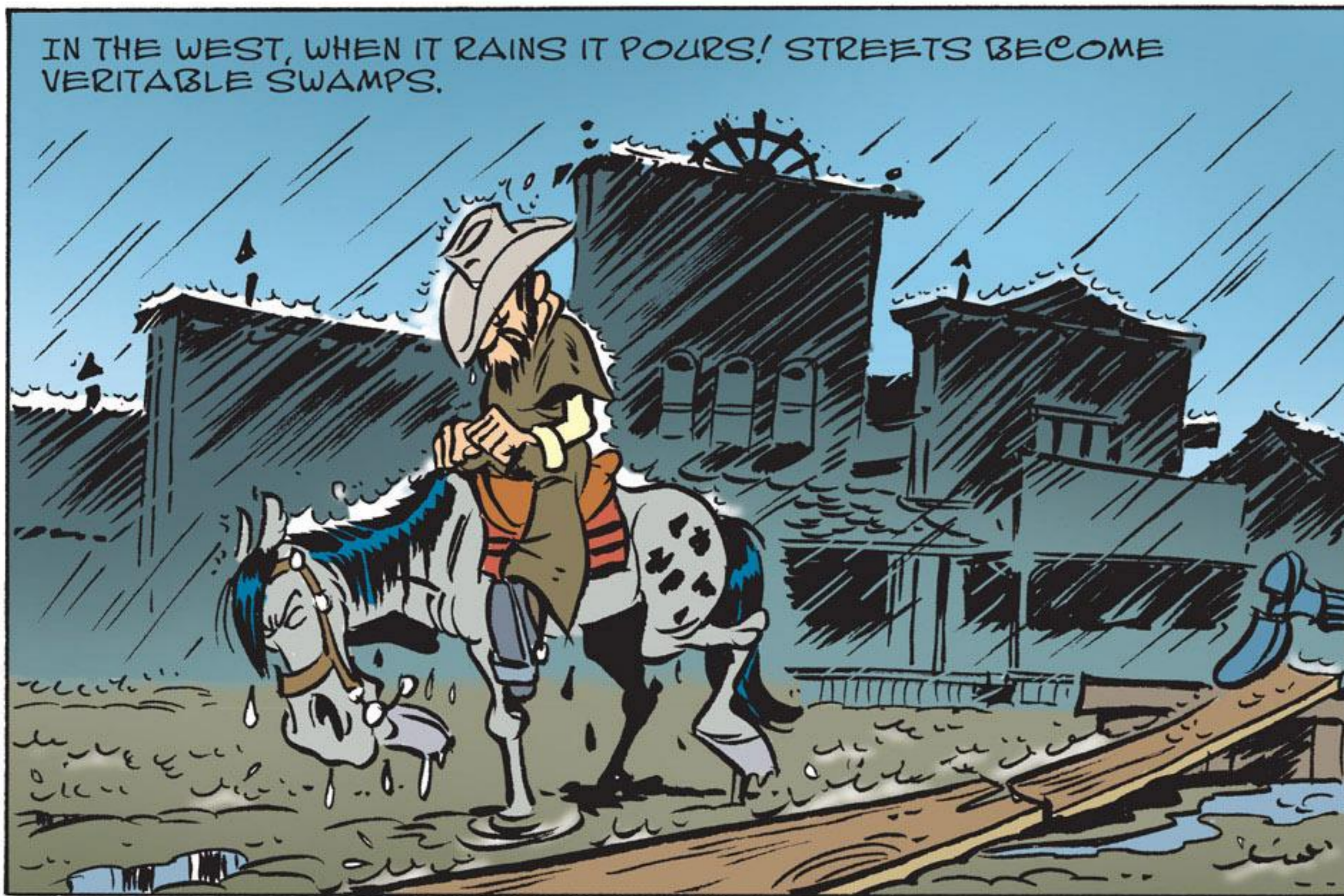
Would you believe? Each year, hot and humid air comes off the Gulf of Mexico and collides with the cold air coming from the North and Canada. The result: hundreds of tornadoes form, devastating everything in their paths in an area of the United States known as Tornado Alley.



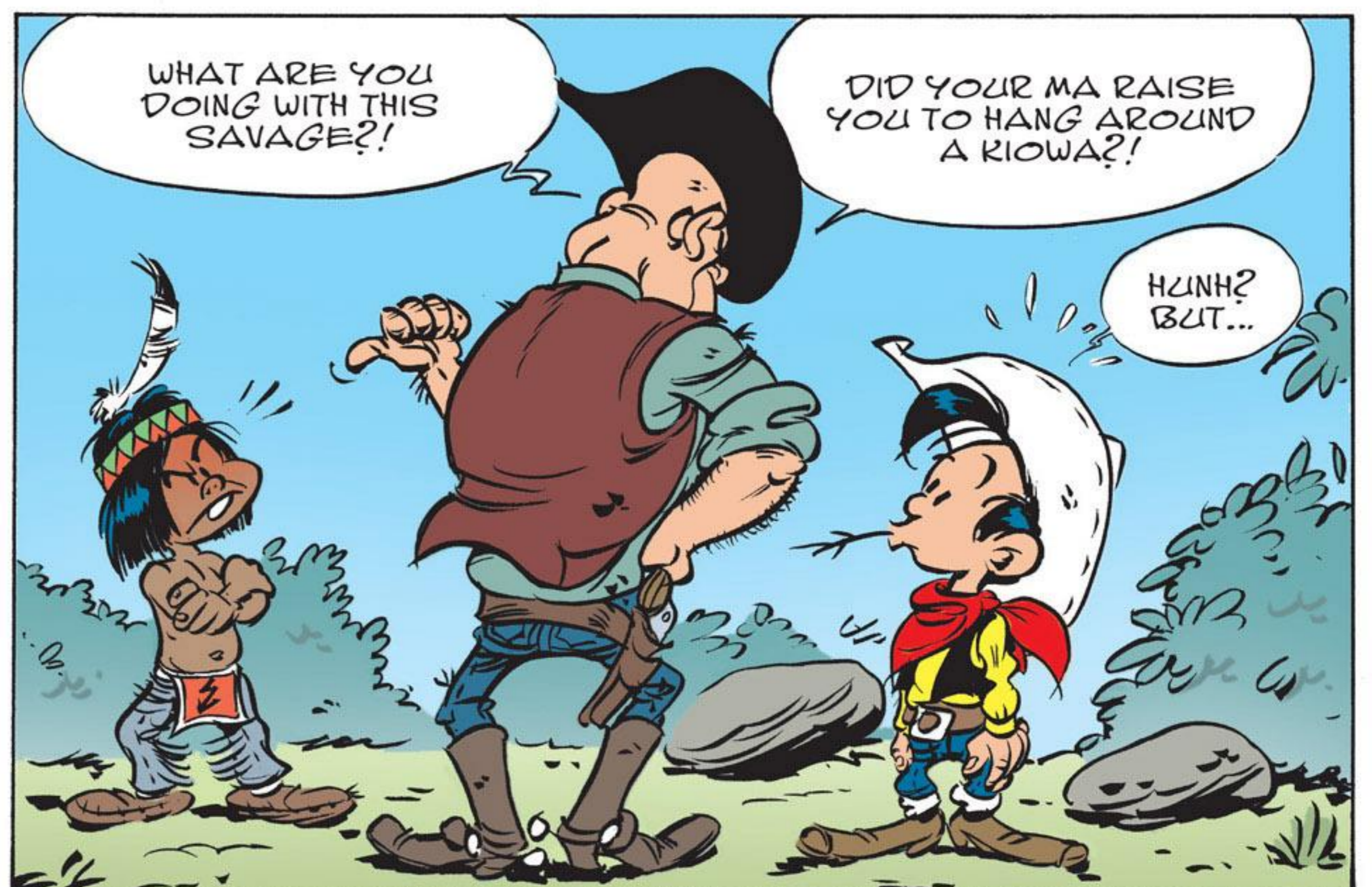
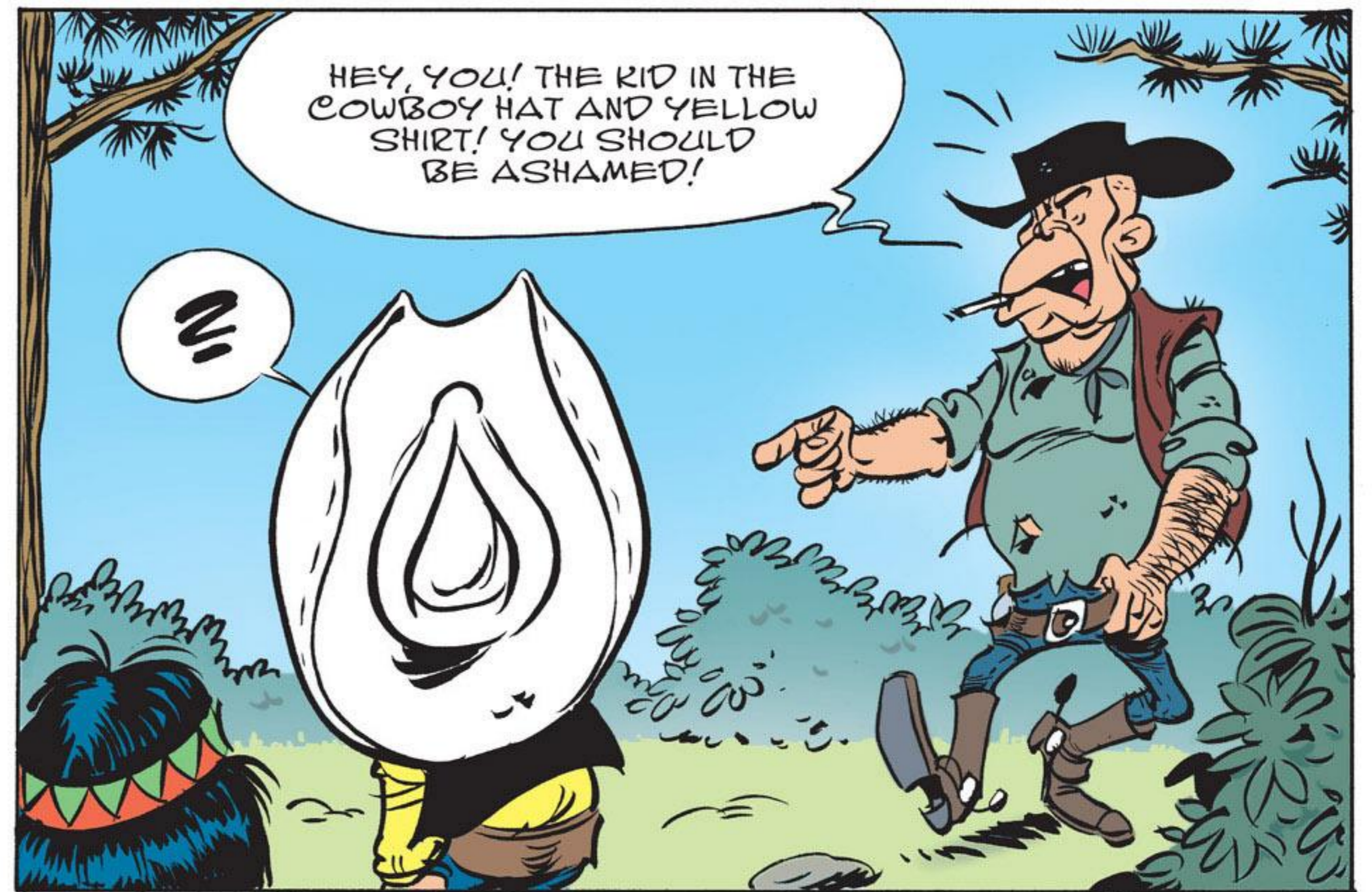
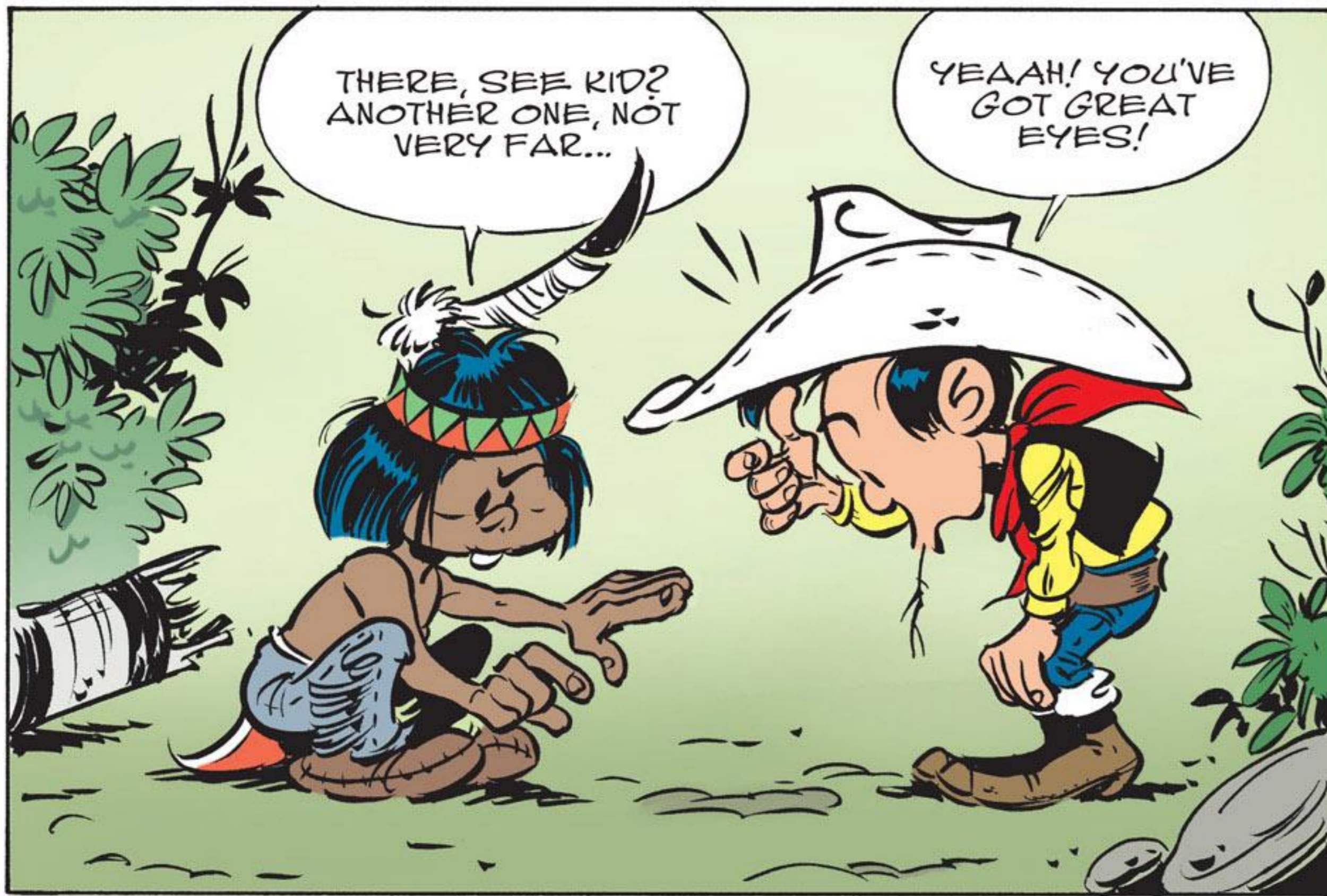
Would you believe? Each time you eat a Reinette (French for "Little Queen") from Canada, you're eating an apple with English origins! Go figure.



Would you believe? The Native American shaman played a very important role in his tribe. He was the link between mankind and the spirits. He also acted as a healer and advisor. He was basically a one-man band, especially when he played the drum.



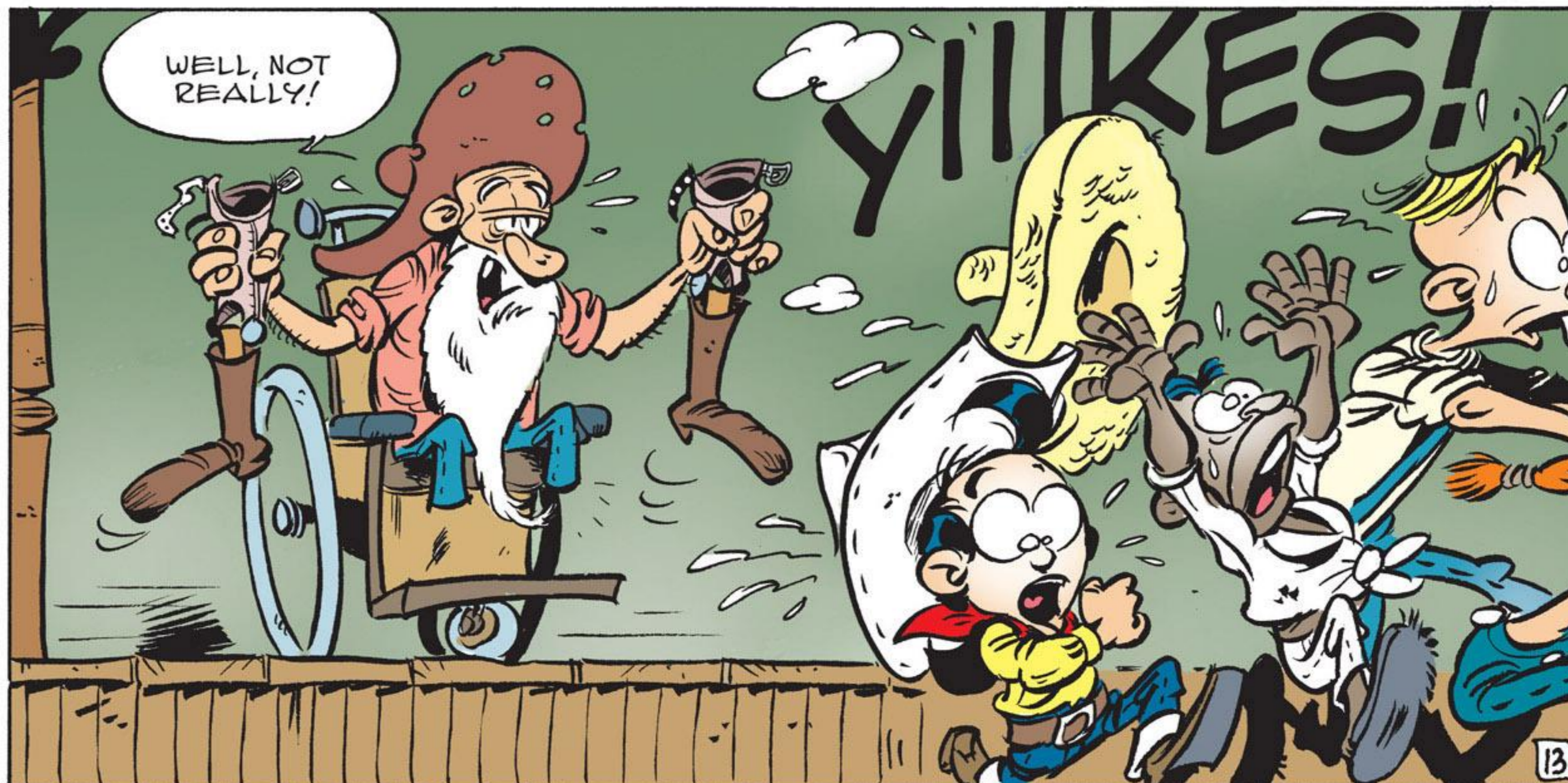
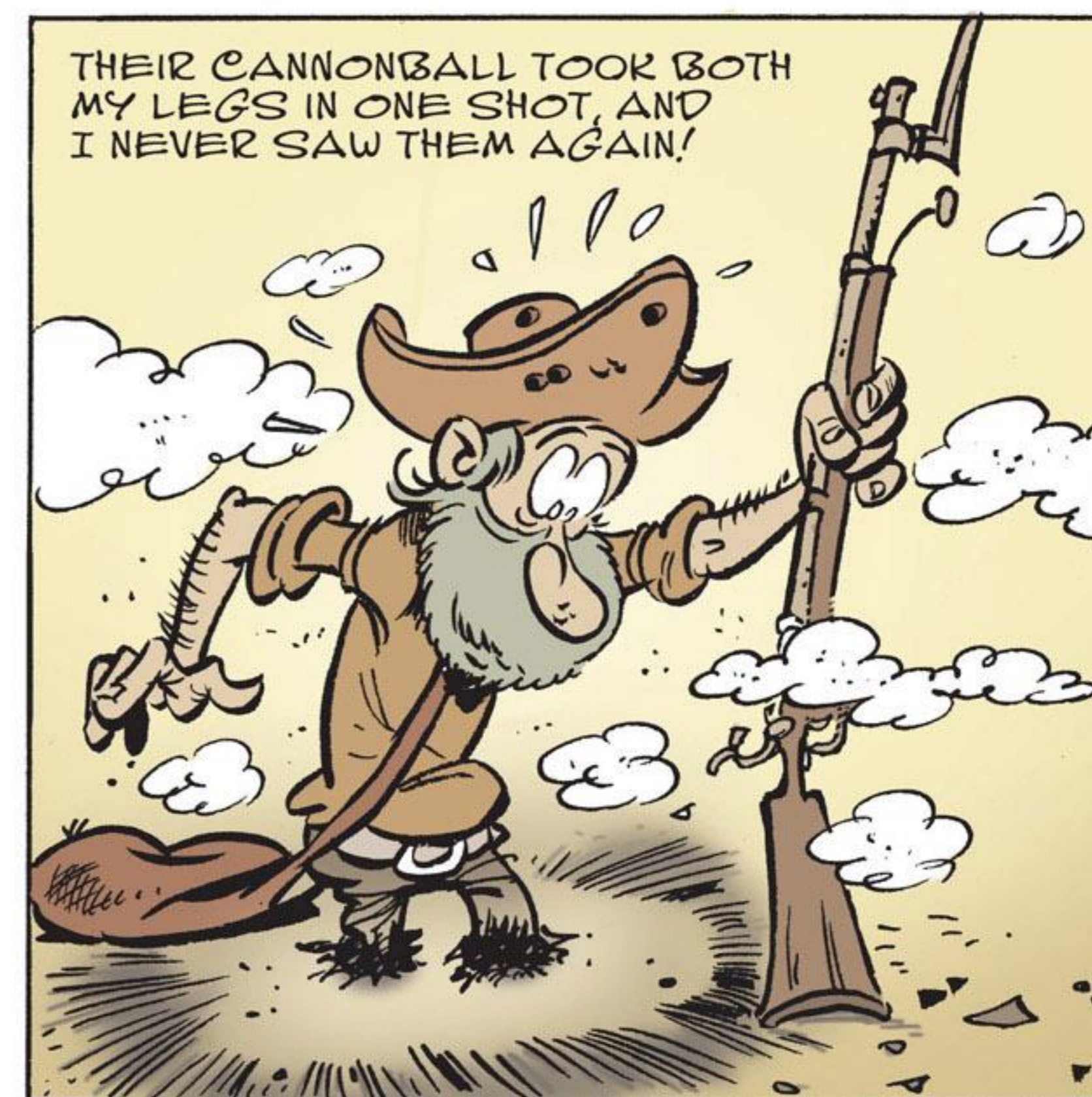
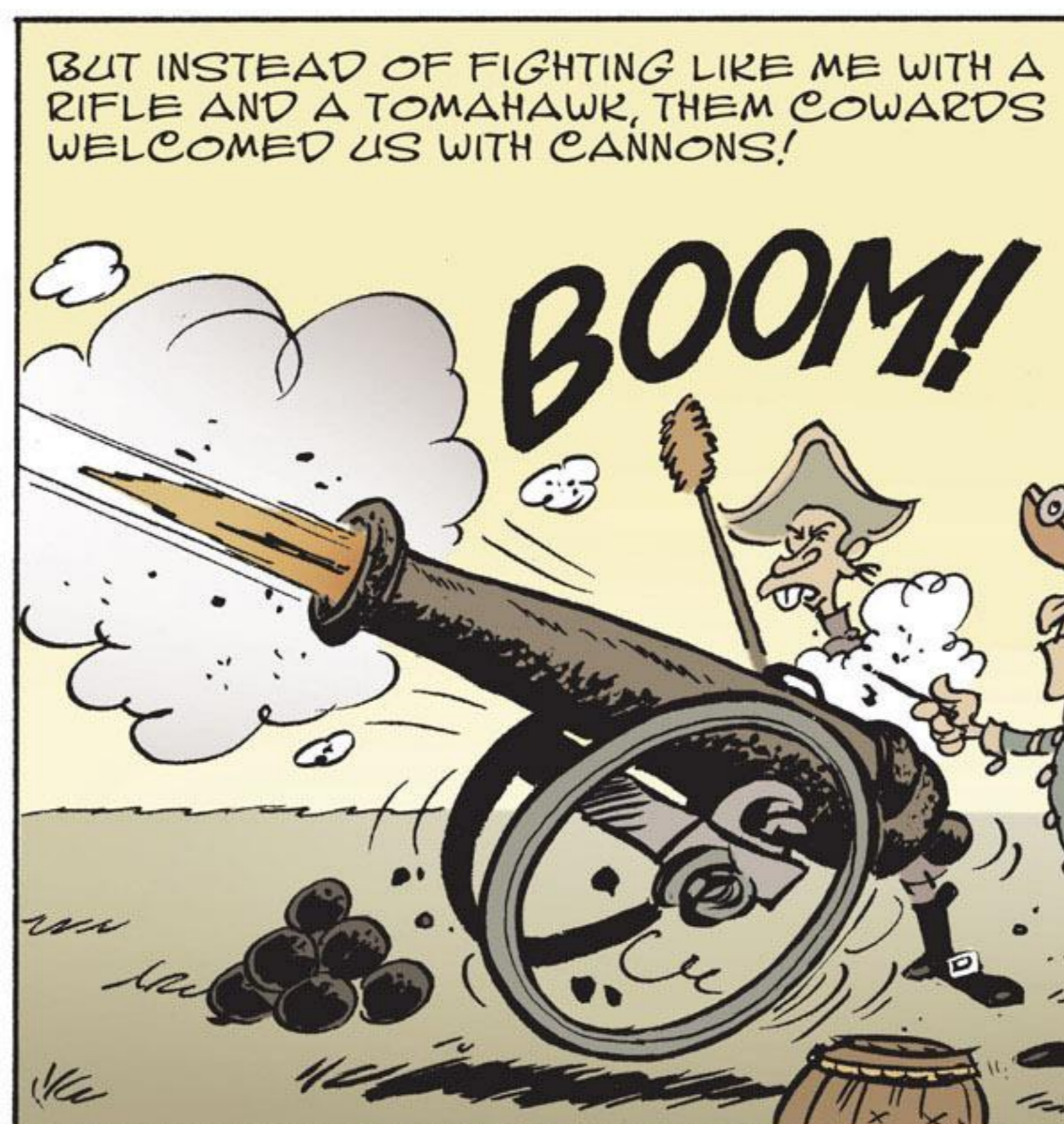
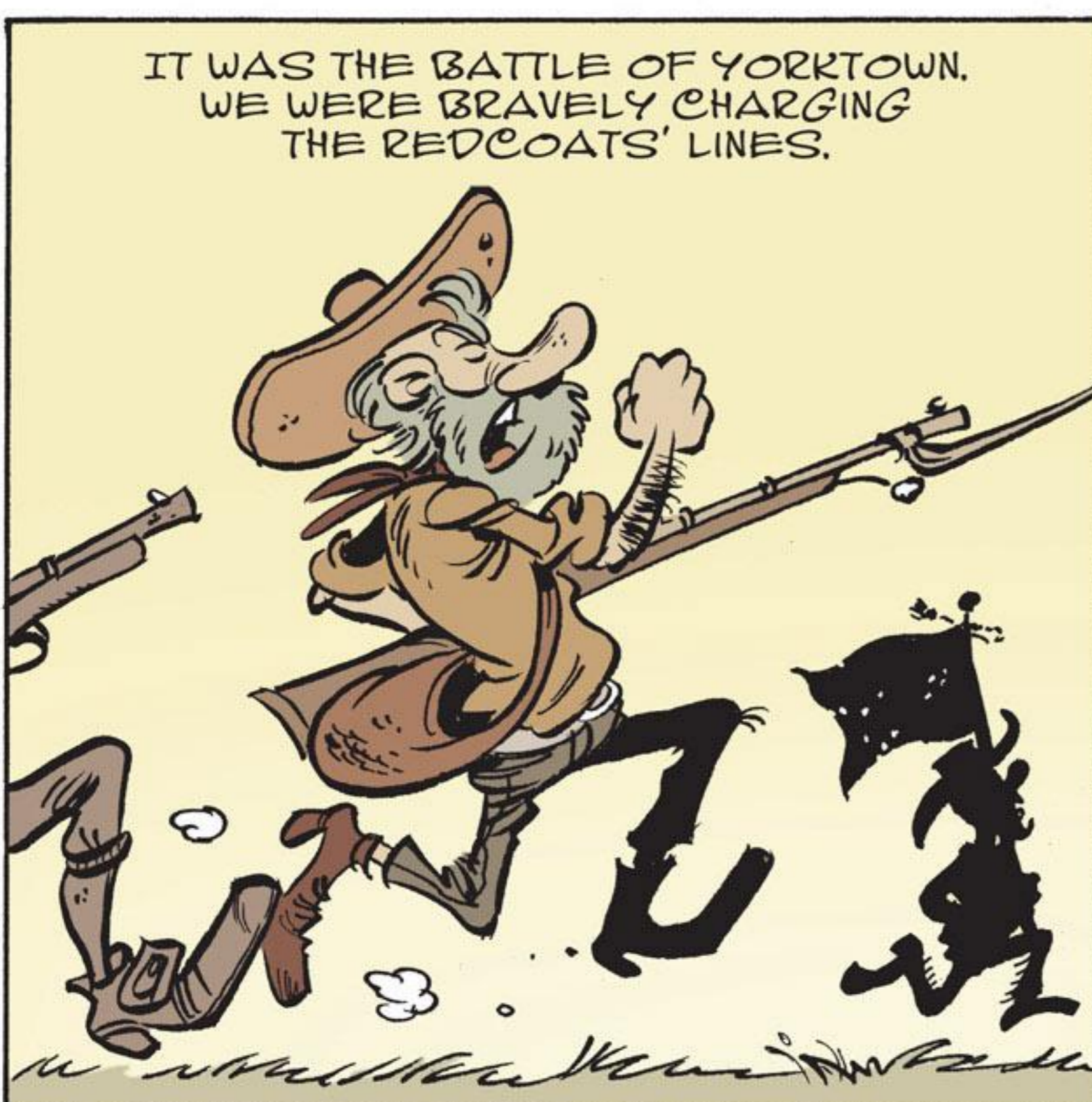
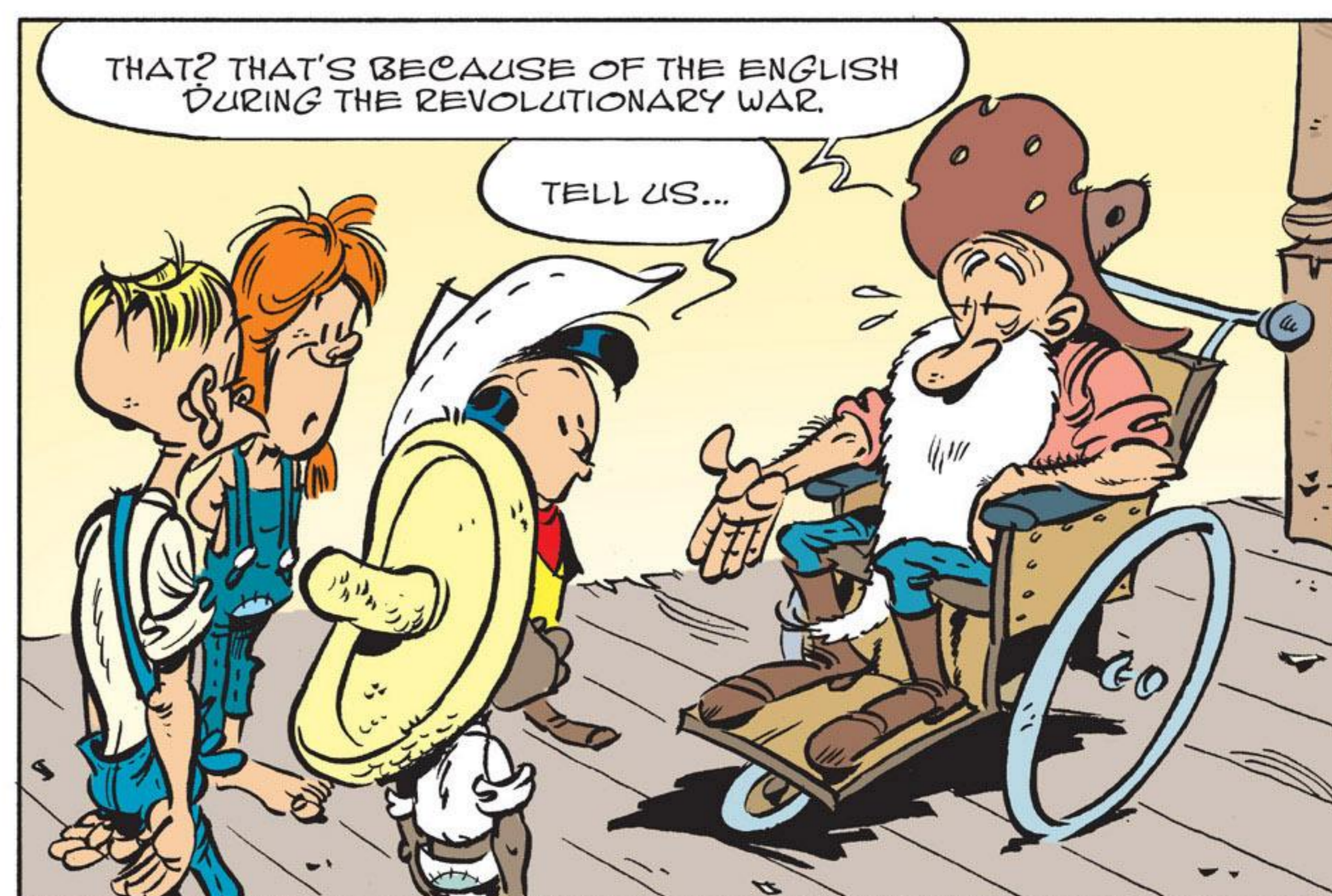
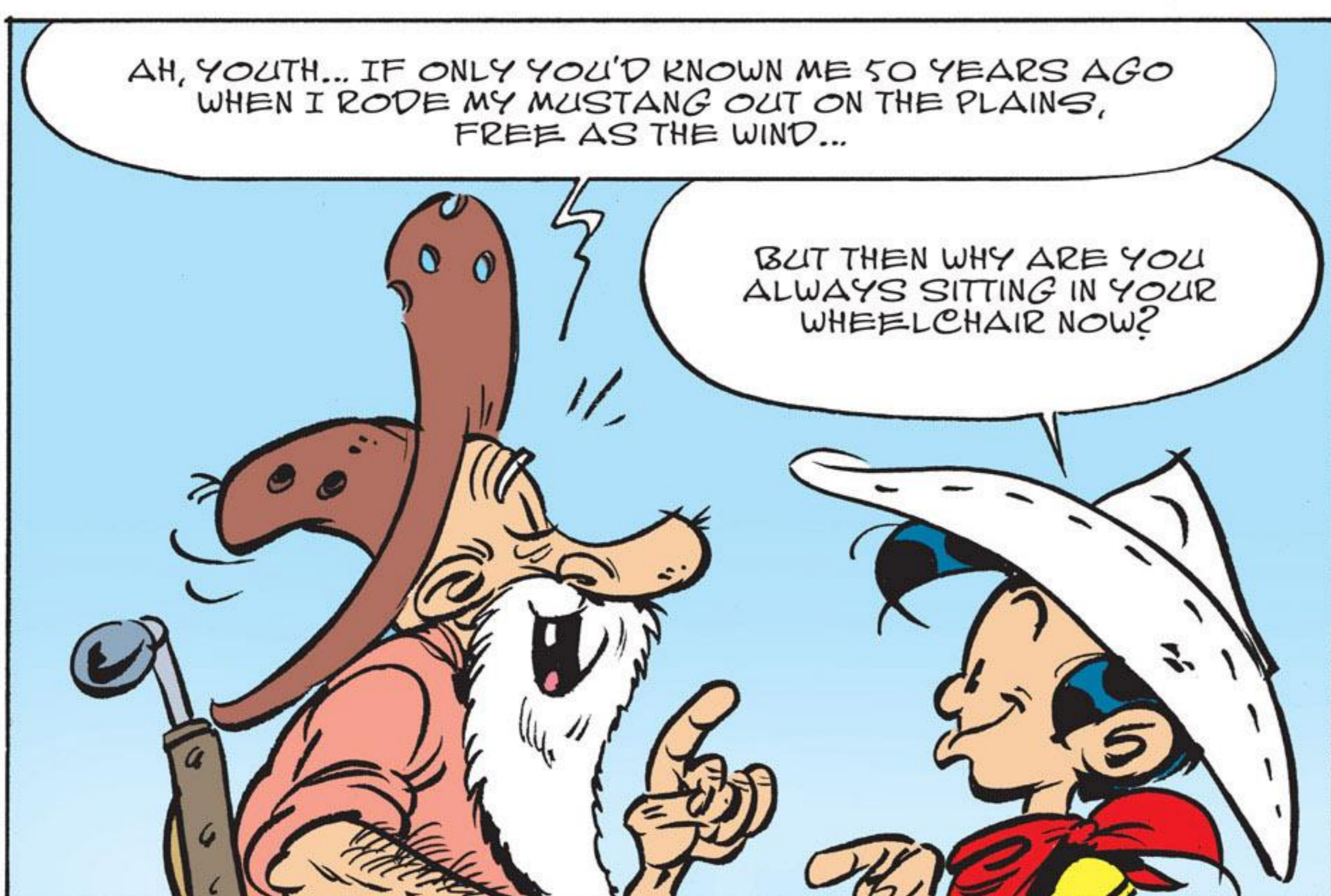
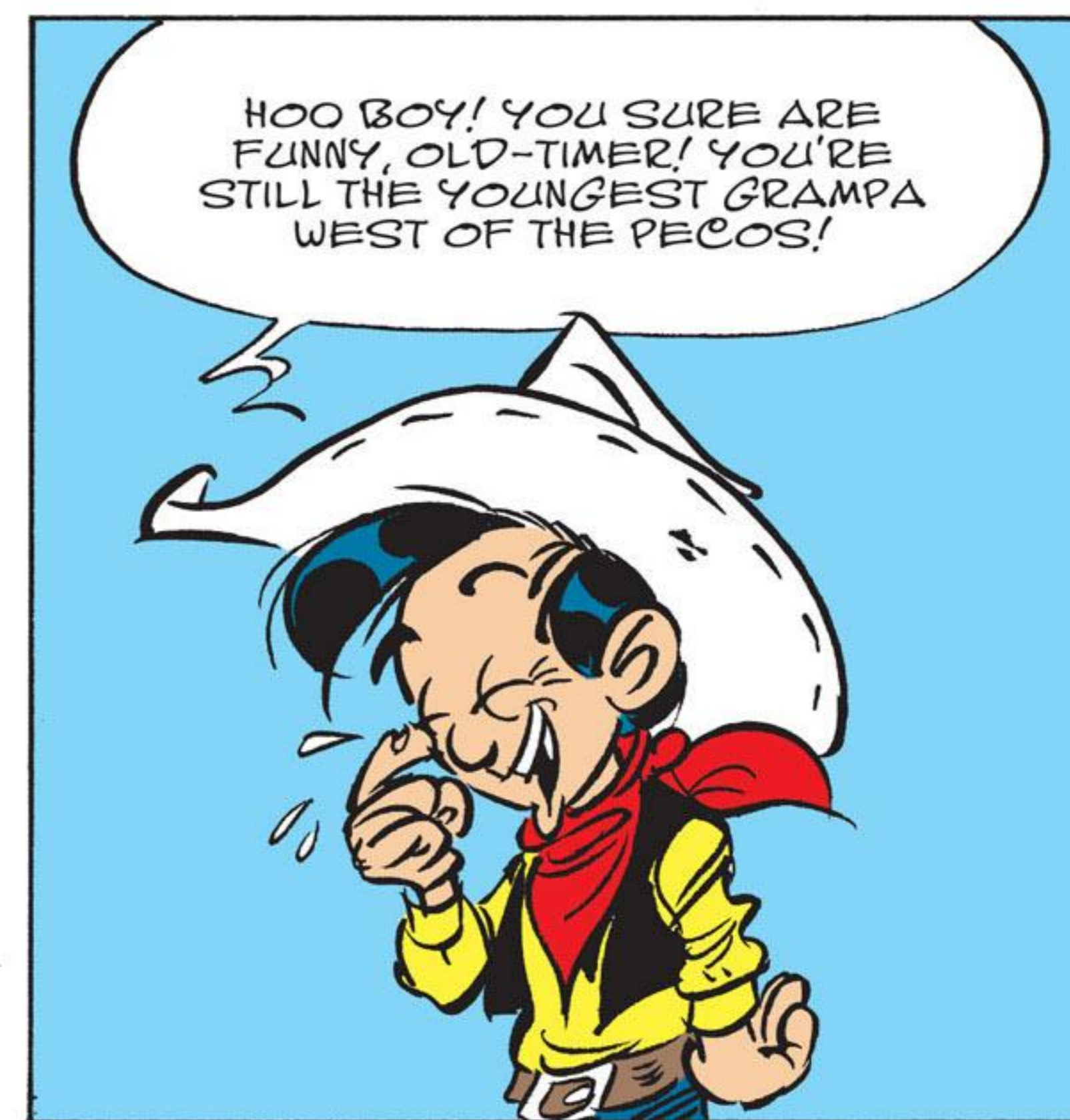
Would you believe? During strong rains, roads turned into raging rivers, and it wasn't uncommon for folks to drown. Life wasn't easy back then, especially since the raincoat hadn't been invented yet.



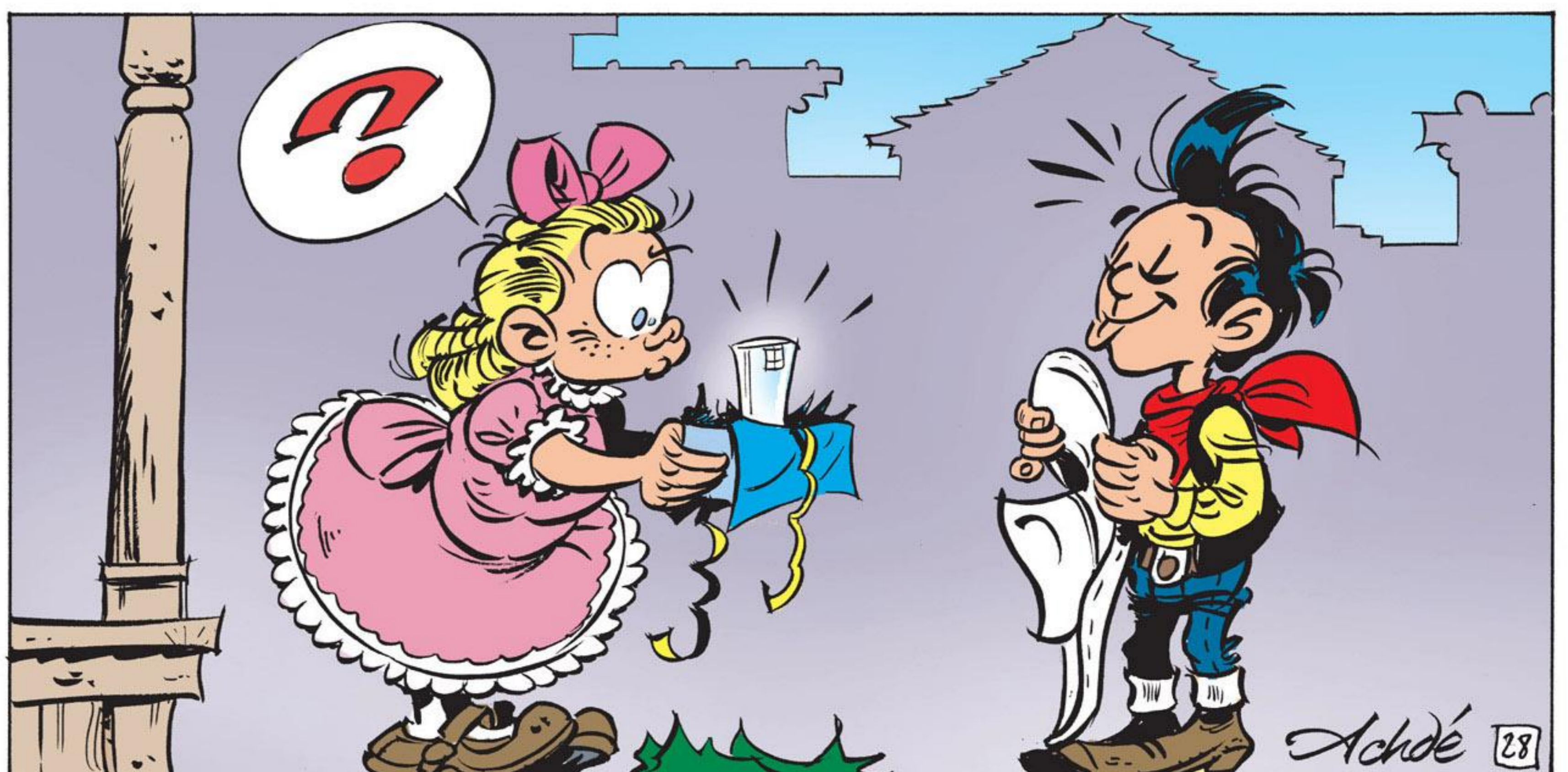
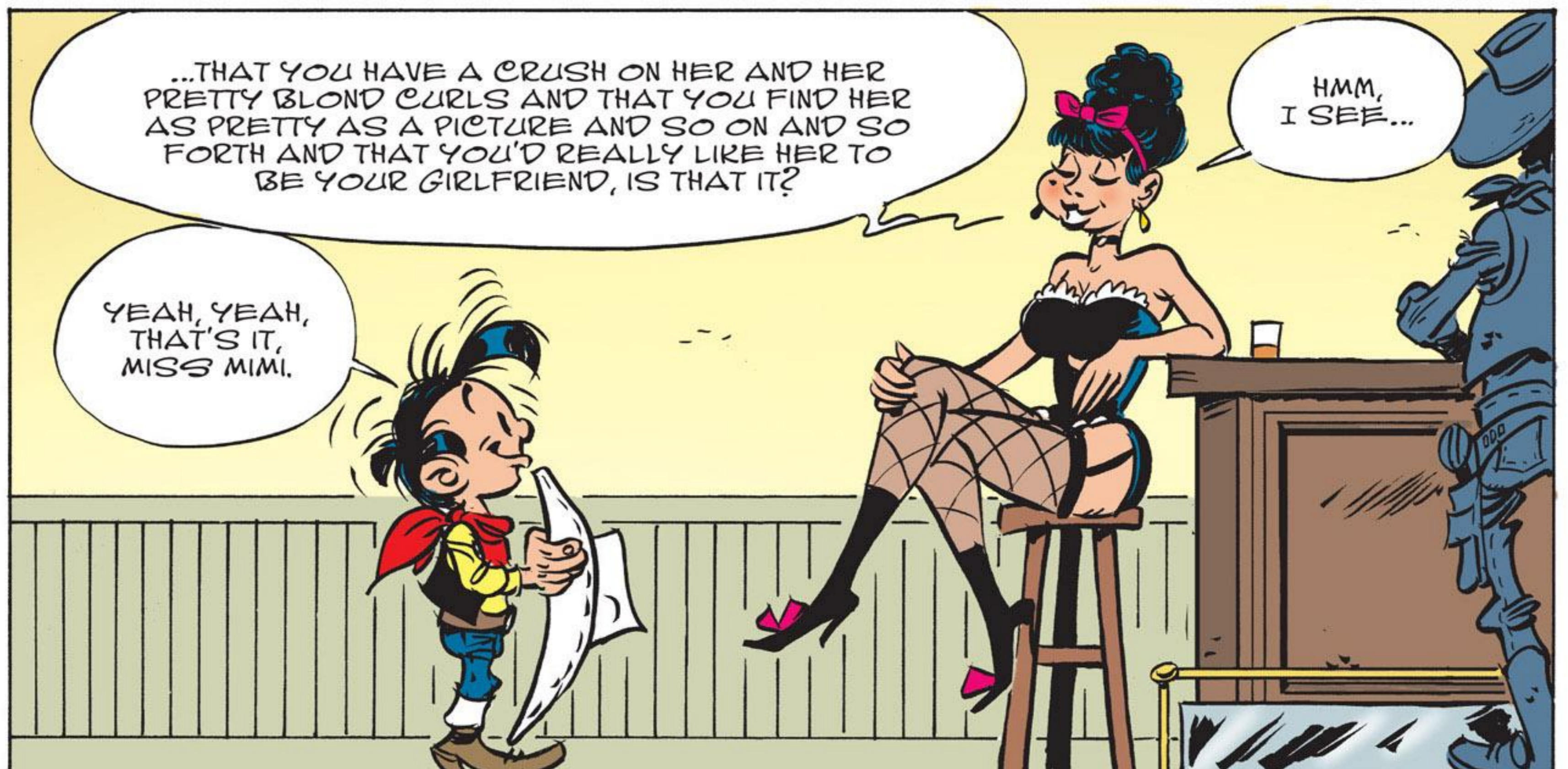
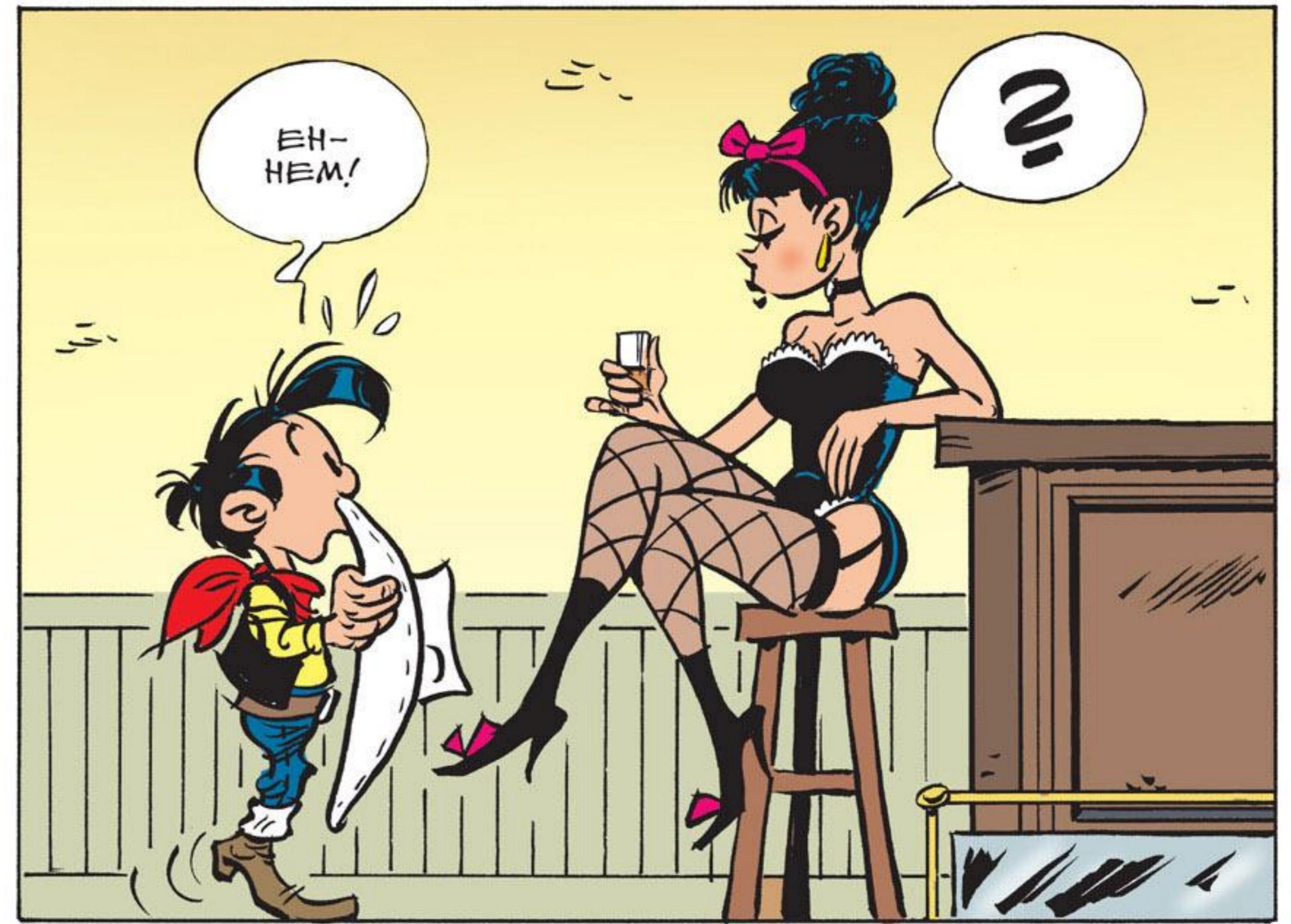
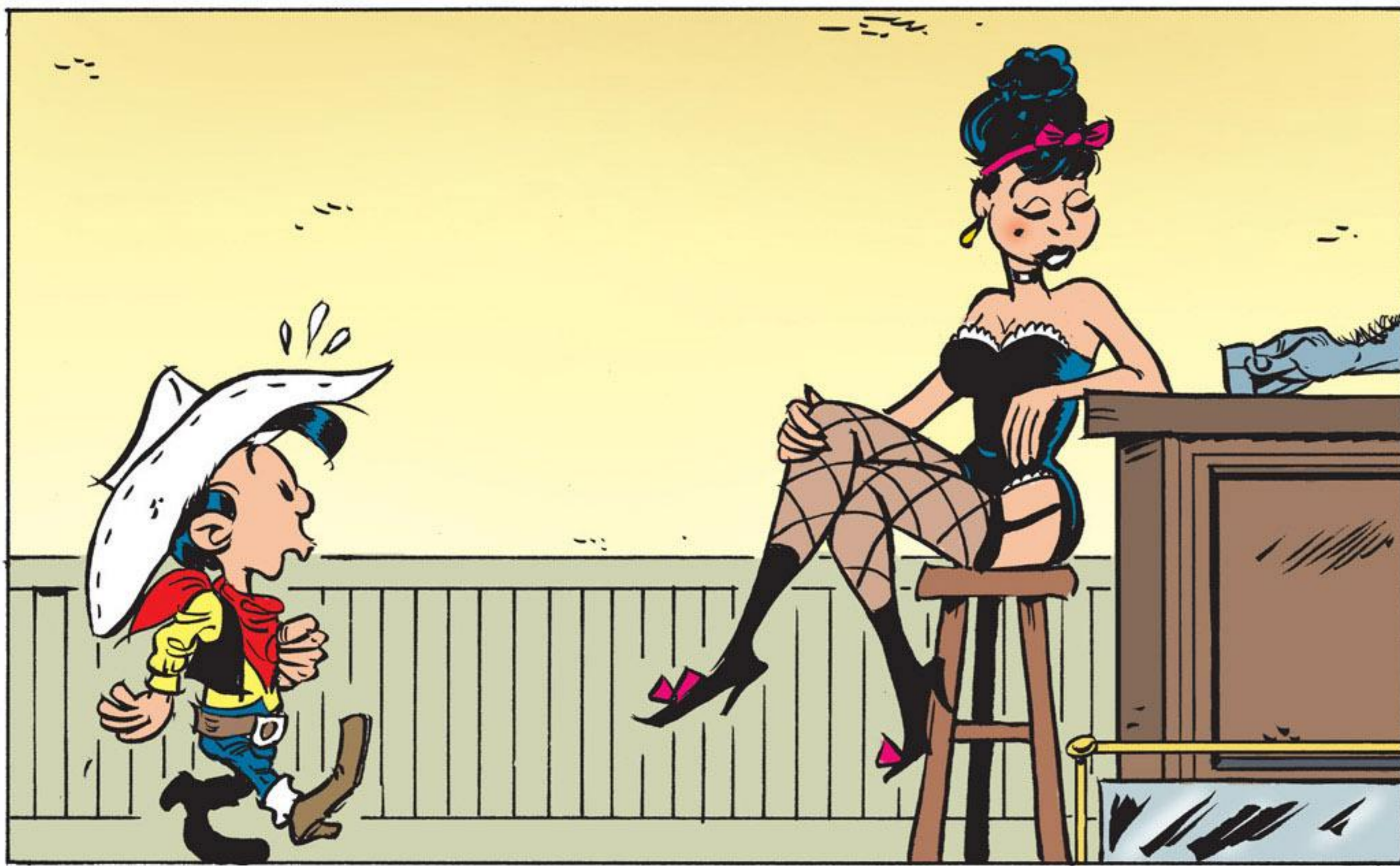
Would you believe? Native Americans claimed that bears were left-handed and that to defend yourself from one, you had to get under its left arm in order to stab it. No one was ever able to prove it though.



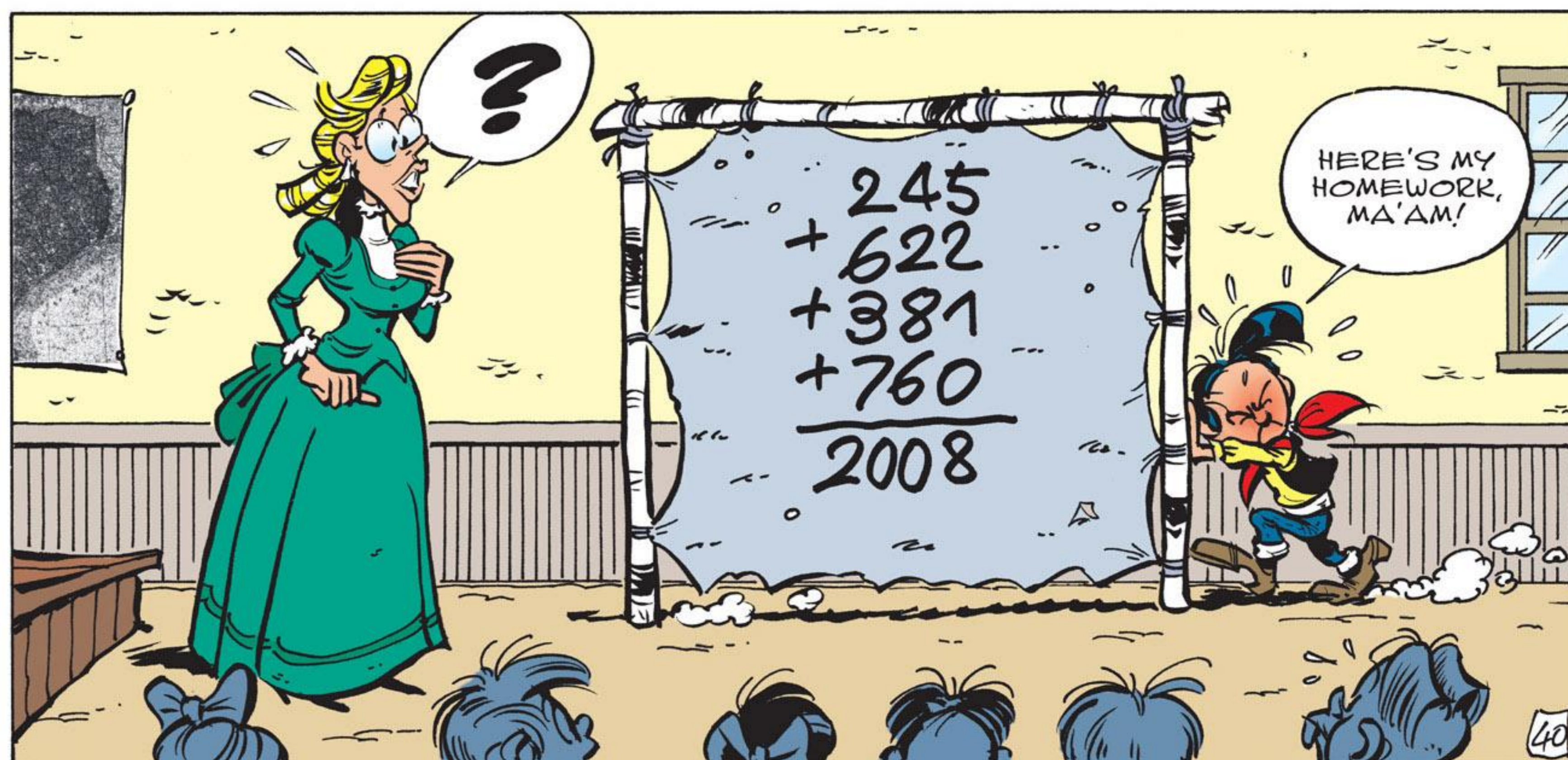
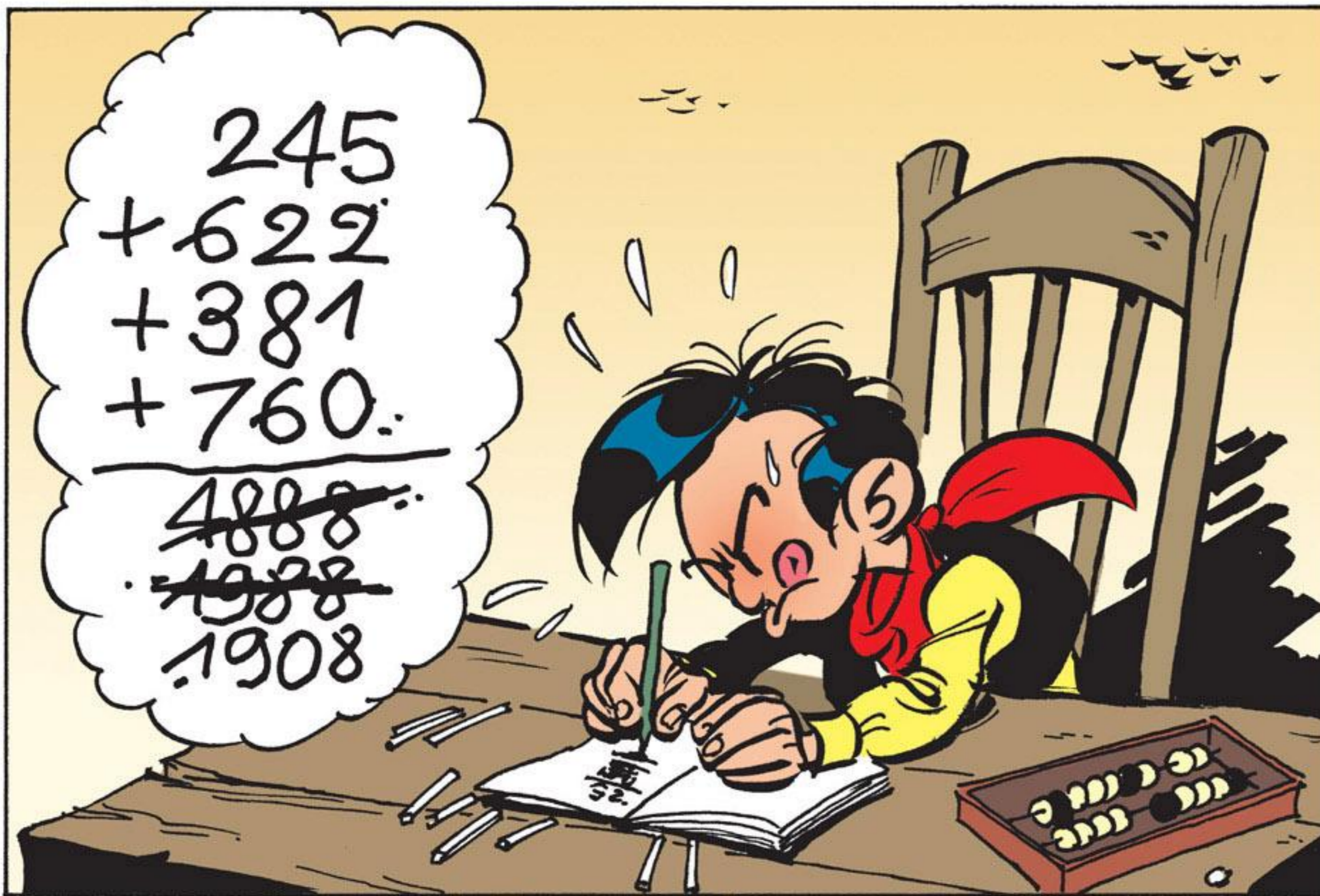
Would you believe? "WASP," or *White Anglo-Saxon Protestant*, designates an American descended from the first white Protestant immigrants who came from northwestern Europe. Very proud of their origins, WASPs unfortunately weren't very open and tolerant towards other American communities.



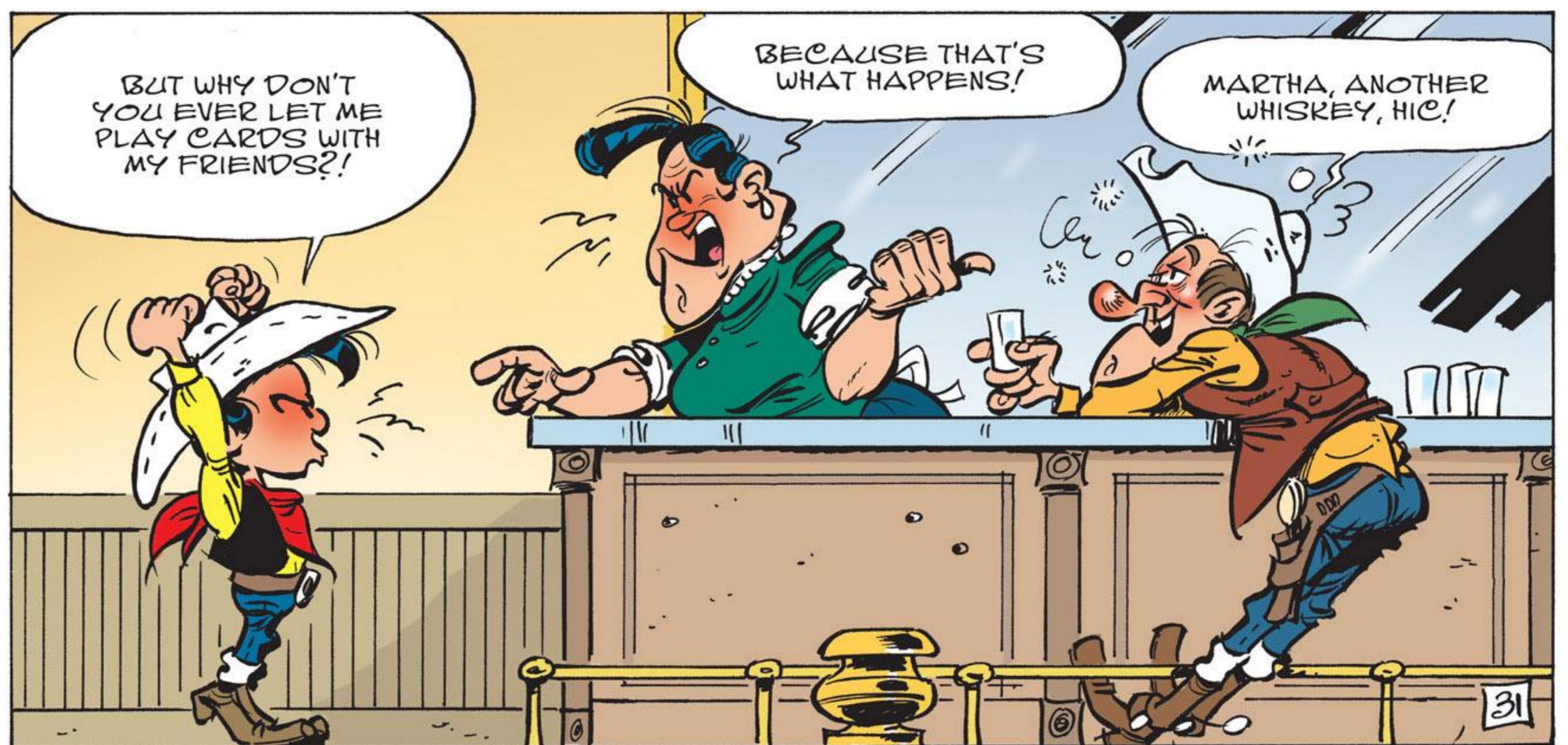
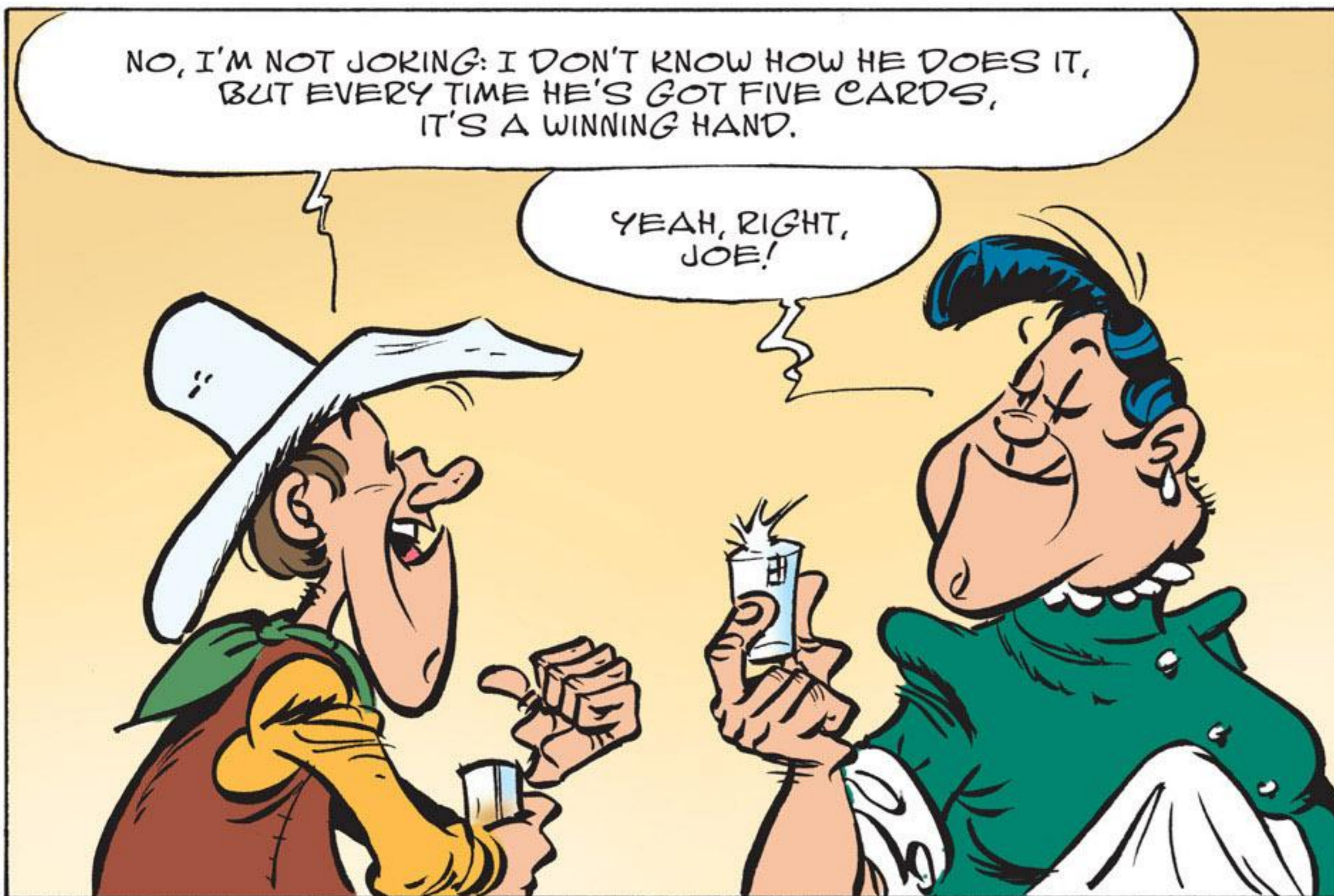
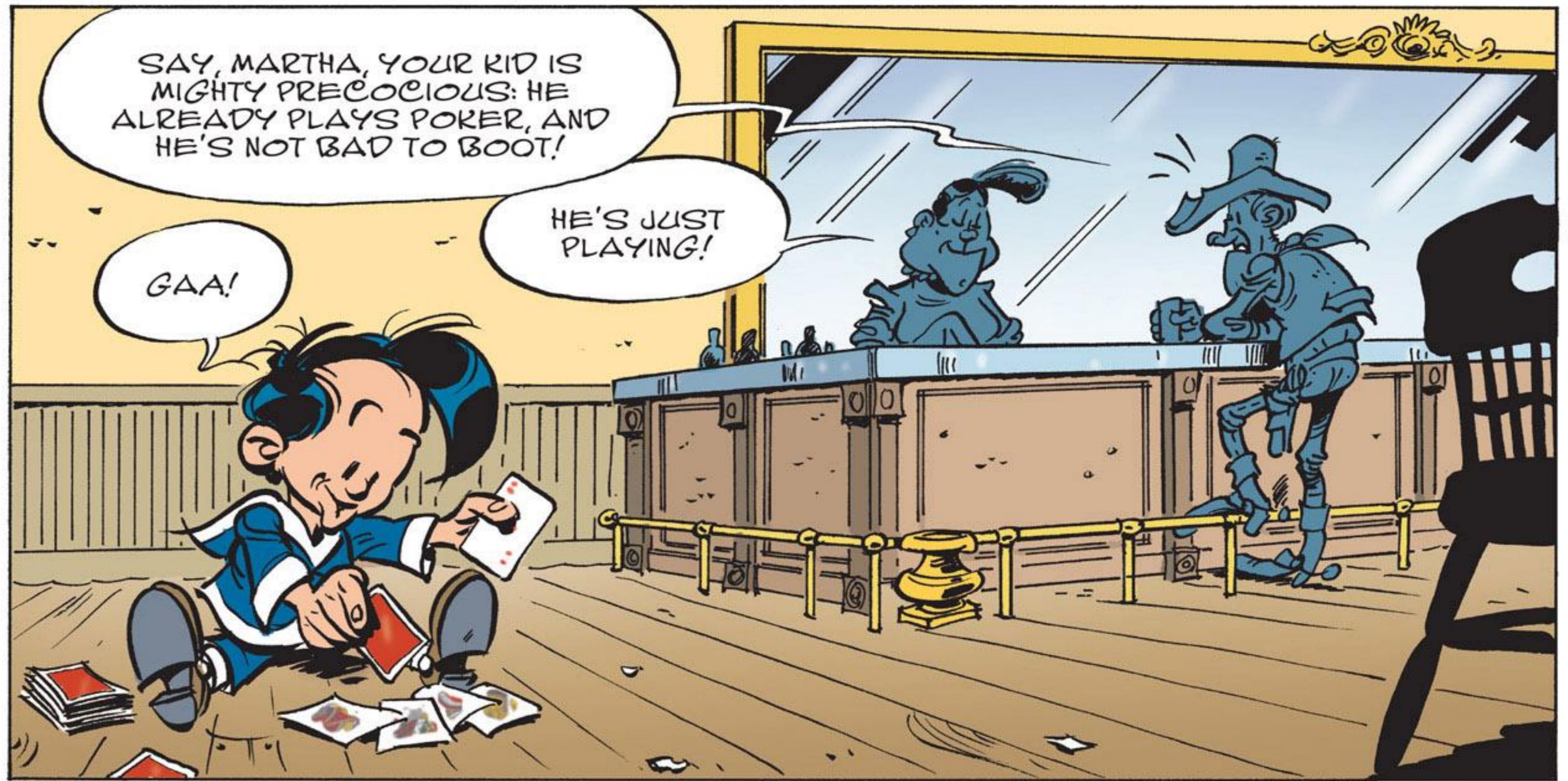
Would you believe? During the Revolutionary War (also called the War of Independence), France, along with La Fayette, helped kick out those darn English. Unfortunately, they couldn't get them out of Canada. And that's when the Revolution came to France!



Would you believe? Saloons also had barmaids who, in addition to dancing, would urge the customers to drink more and were paid for their efforts.



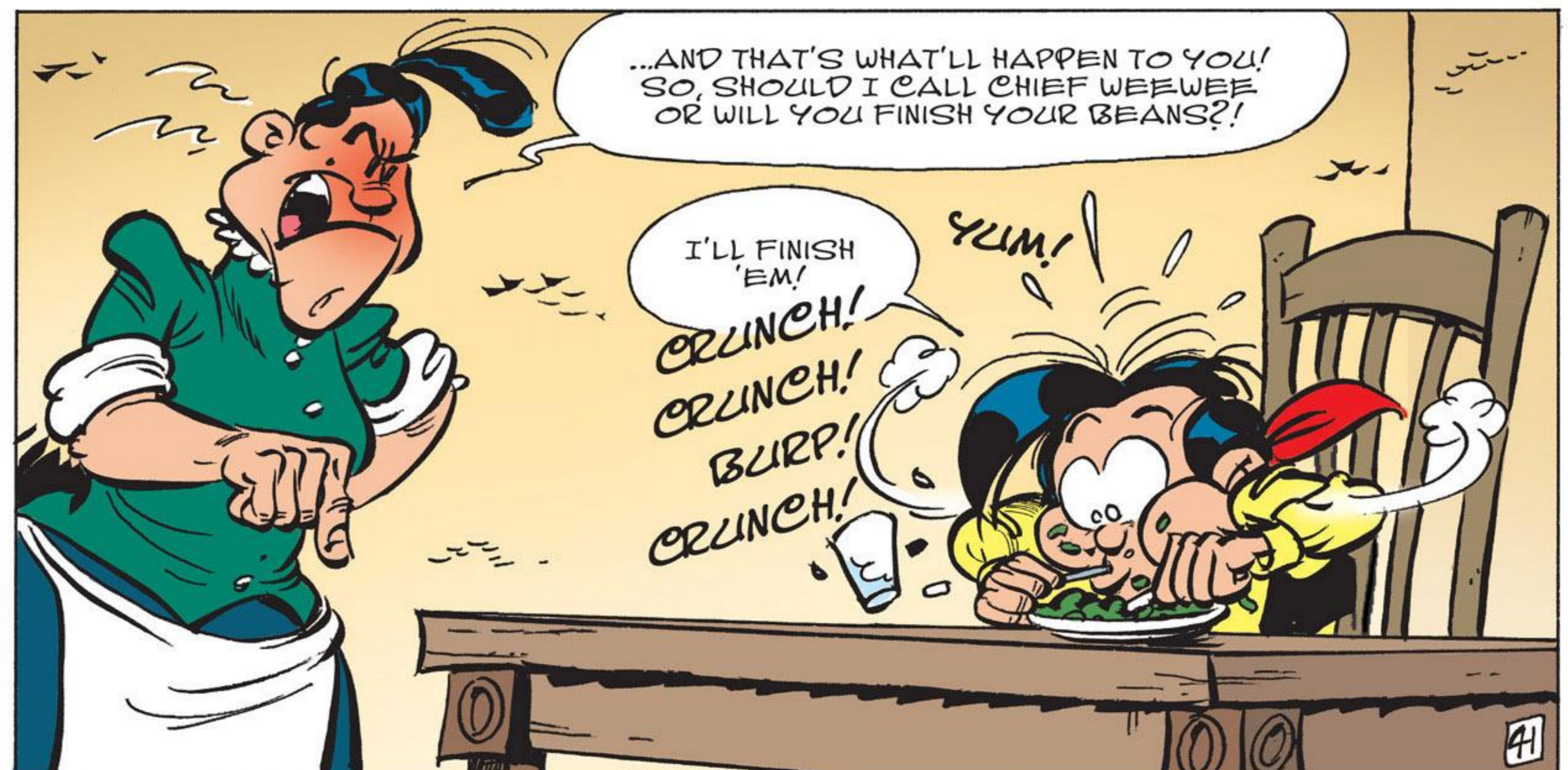
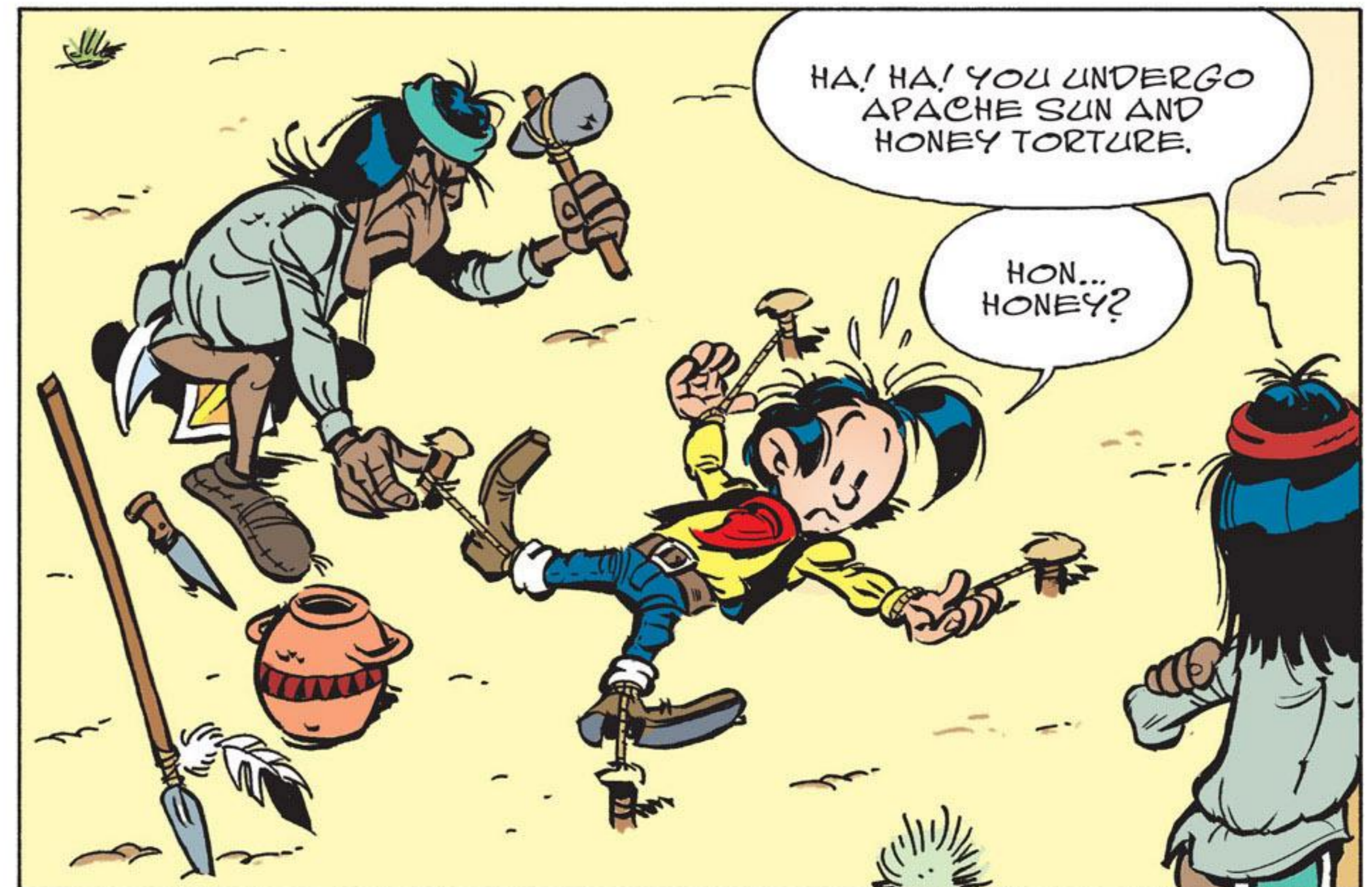
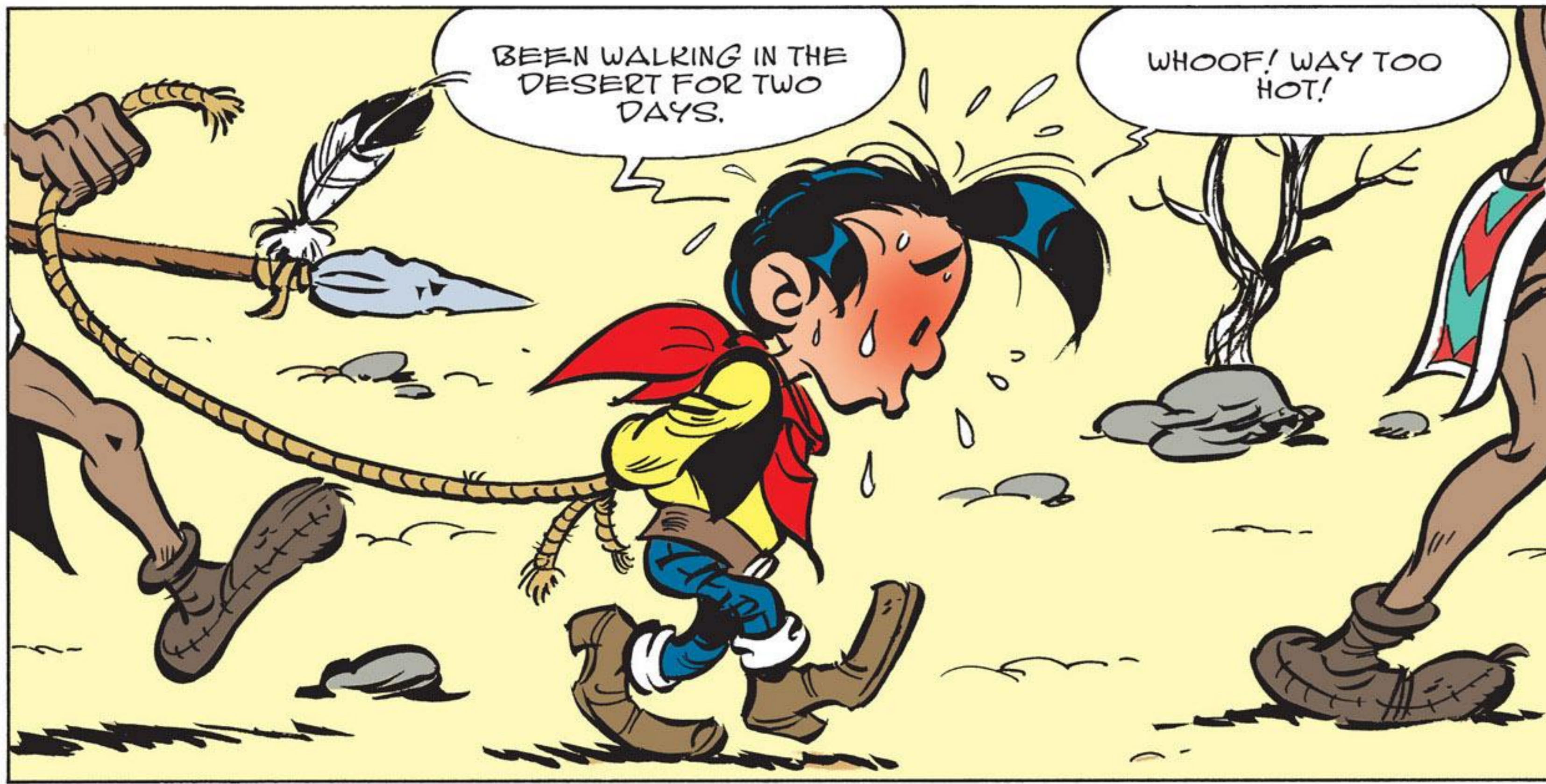
Would you believe? For some Native American tribes, drawings were very important. They decorated their teepees and their babies' cribs, and they sometimes celebrated their warriors' exploits by depicting them on skins stretched across wooden frames.



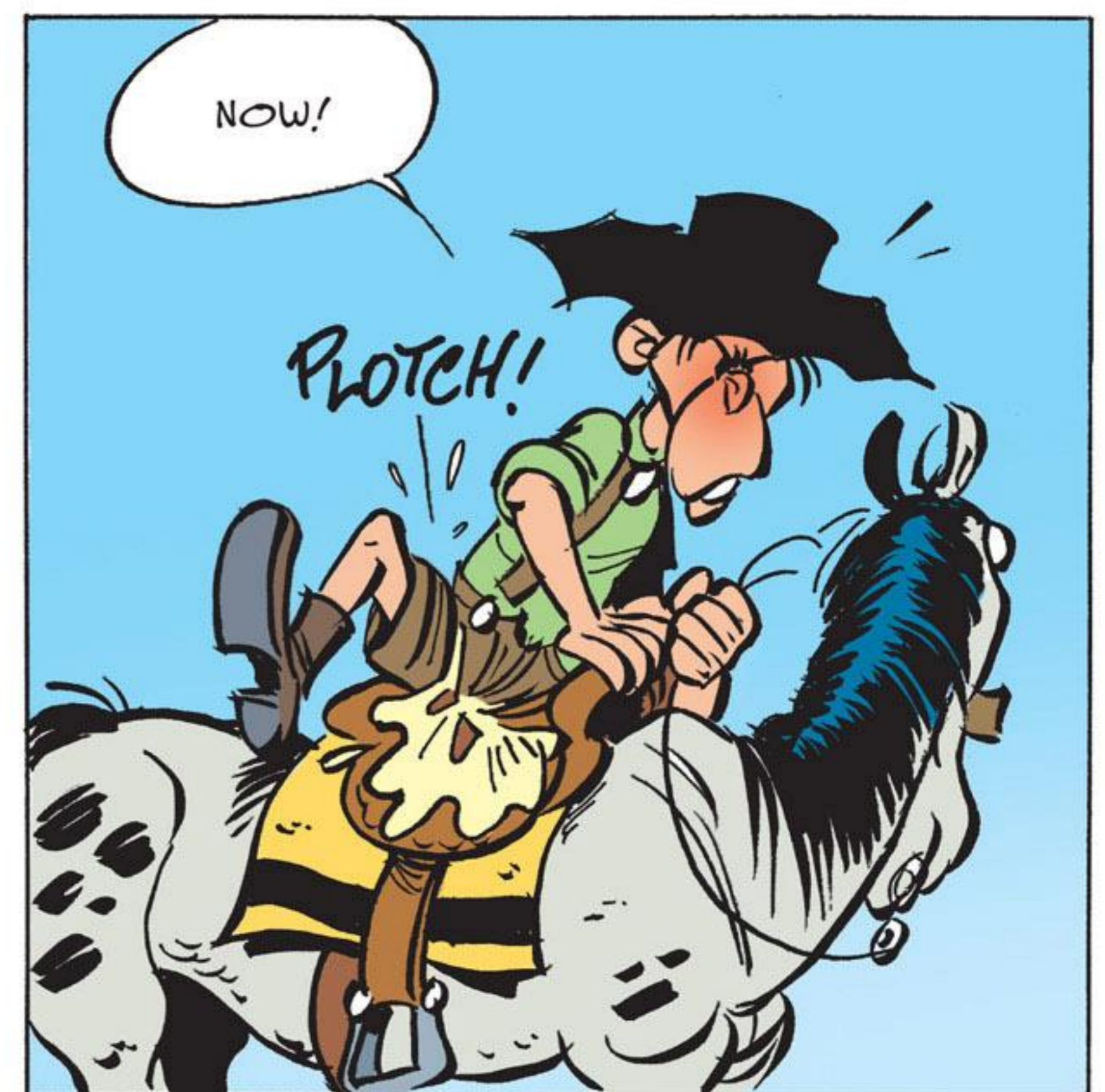
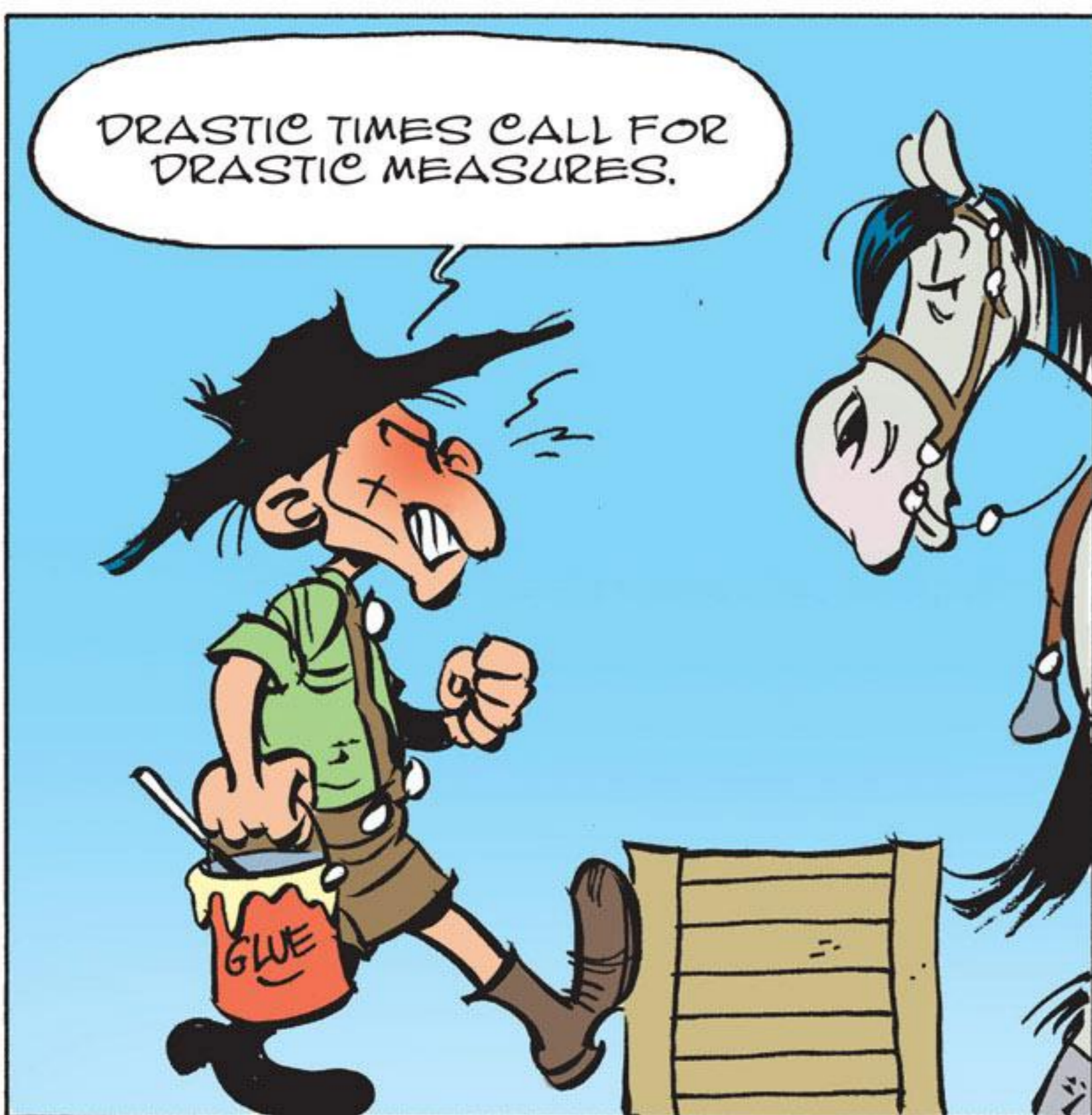
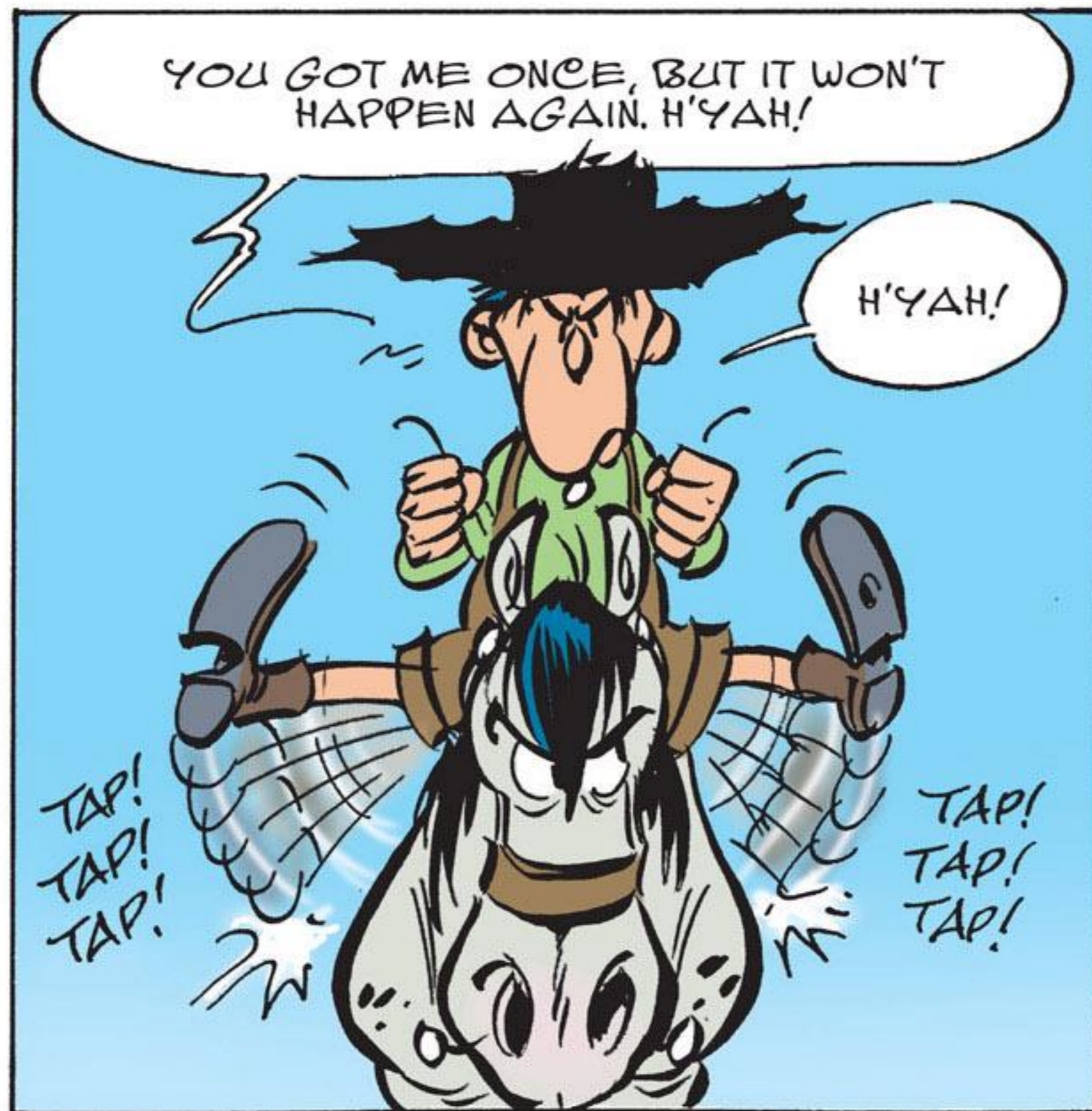
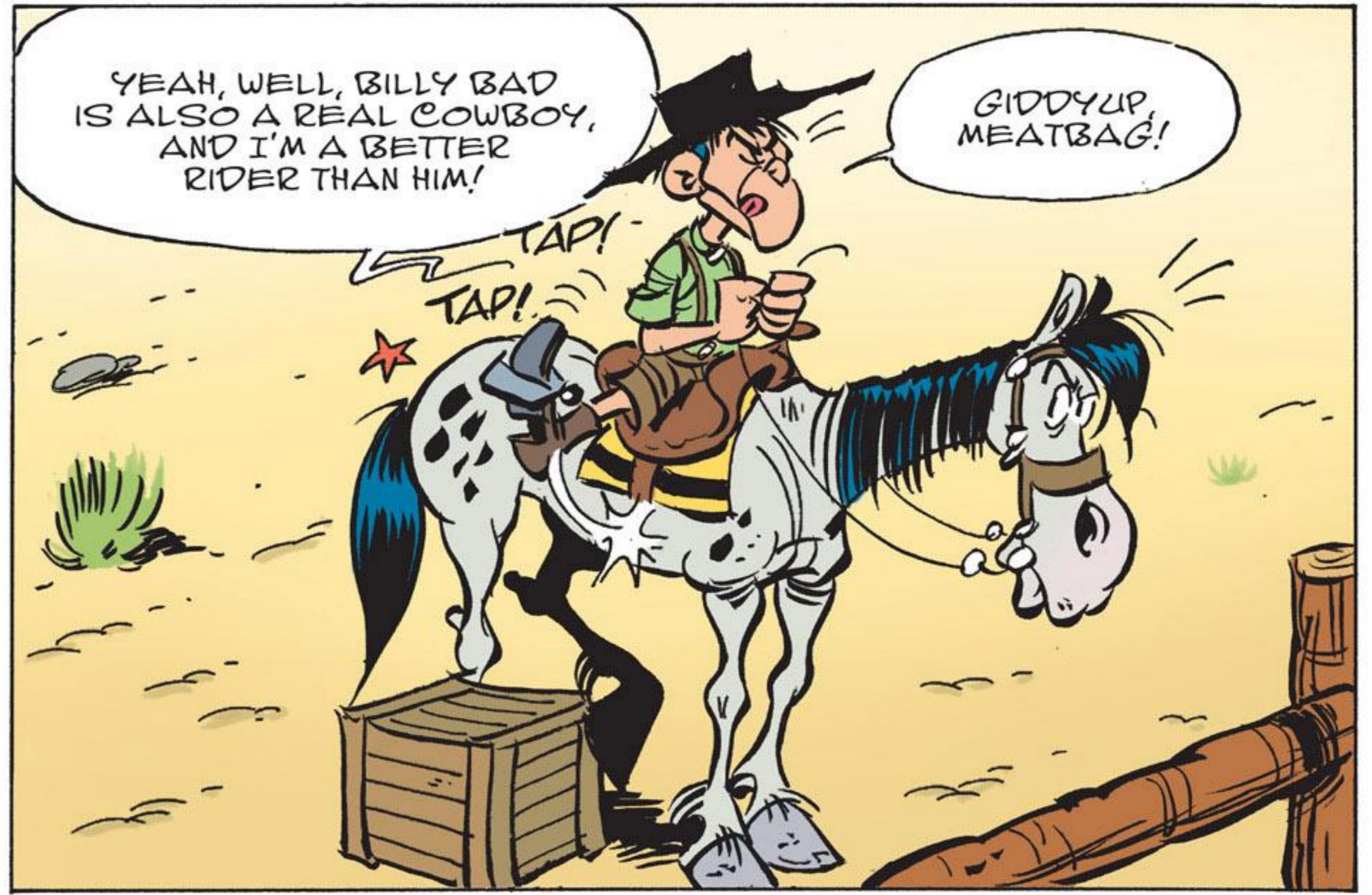
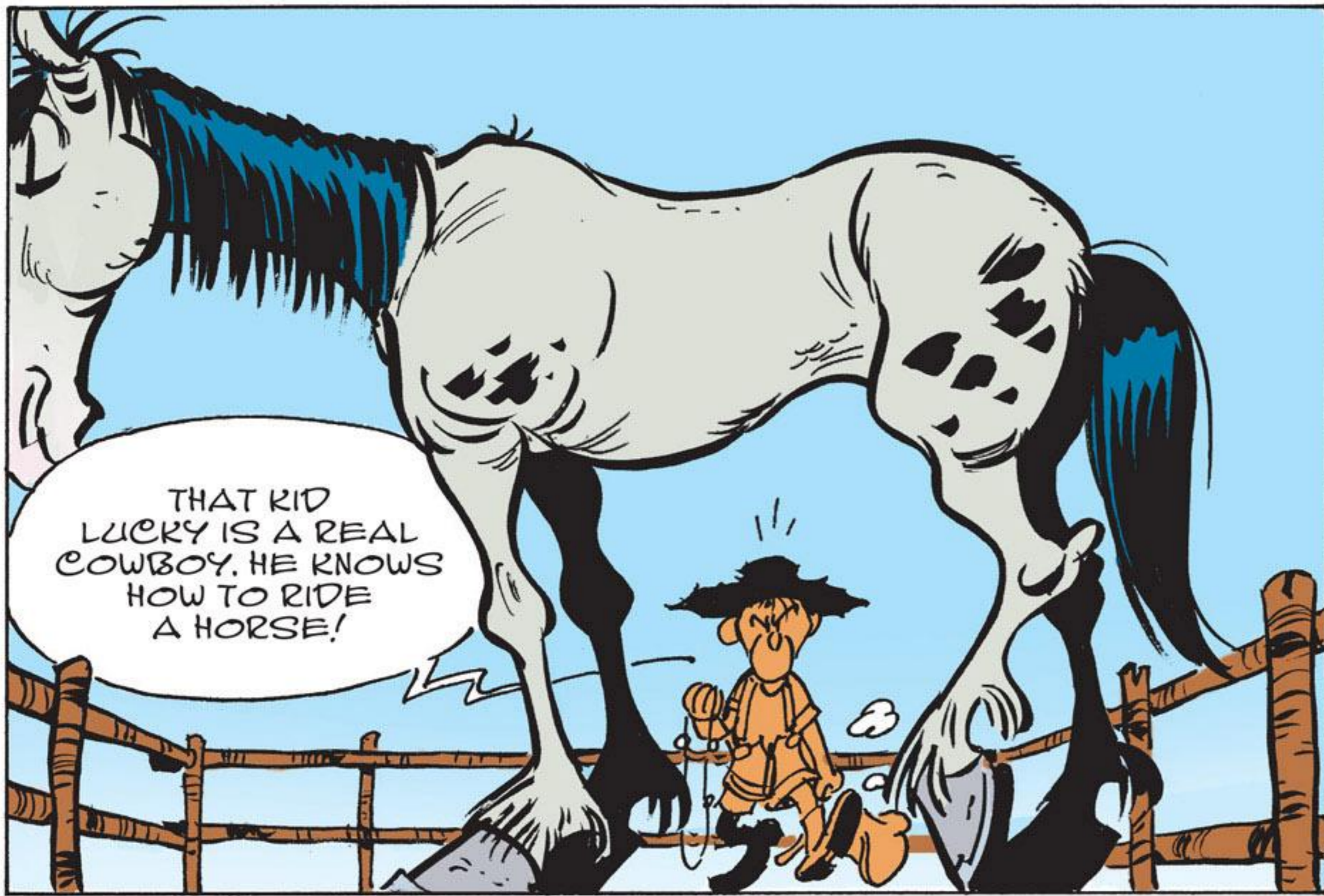
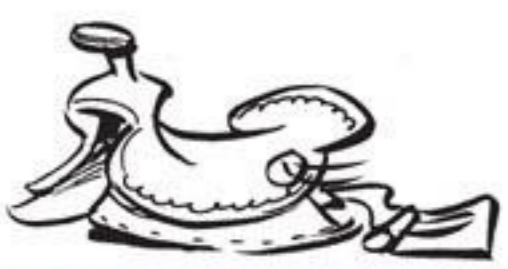
Would you believe? Poker is similar to an Iranian game brought to the United States by French sailors, but we don't really know its origin. However, we do know that it can make you a lot of easy money or start a brawl in a saloon!



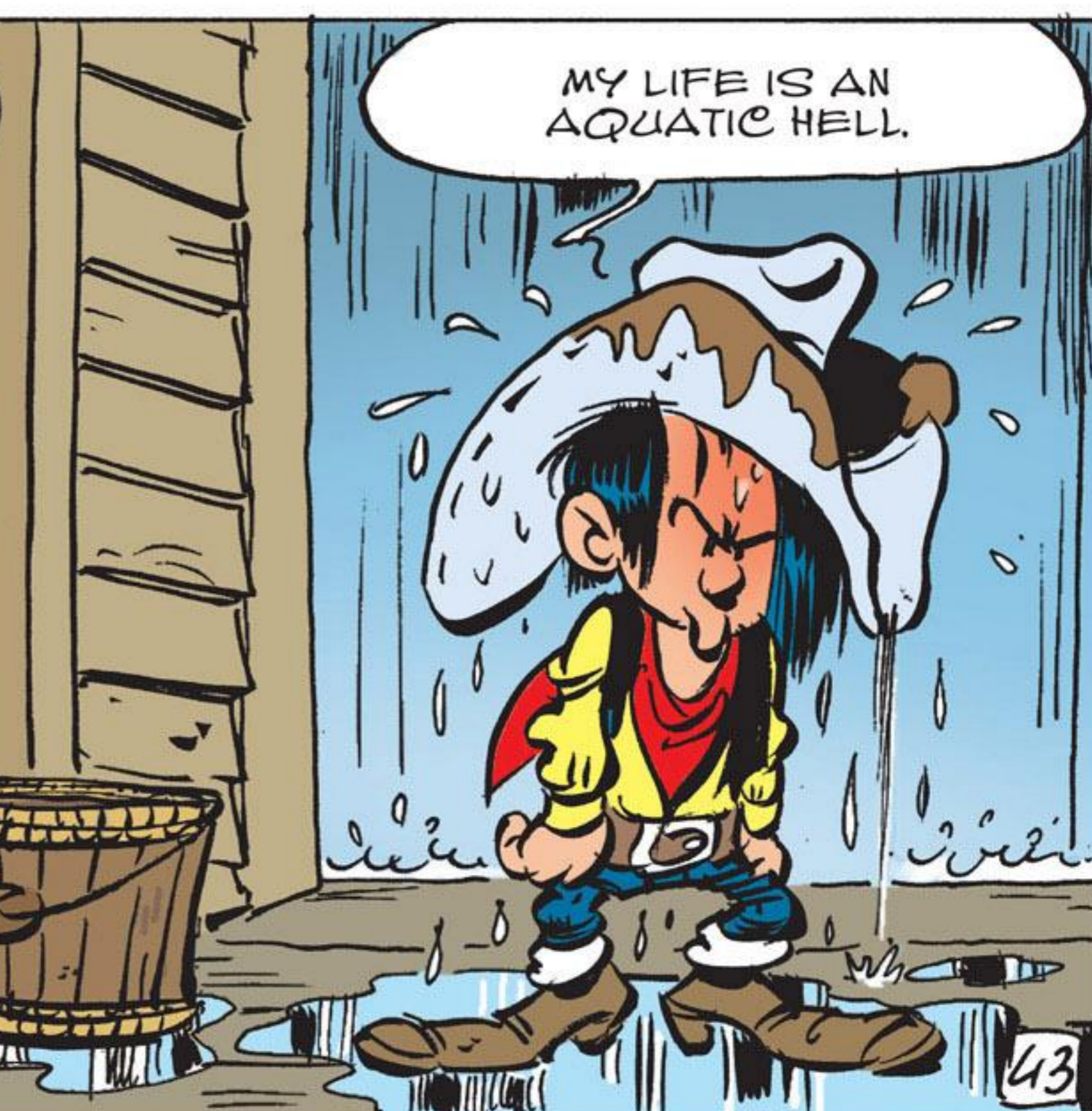
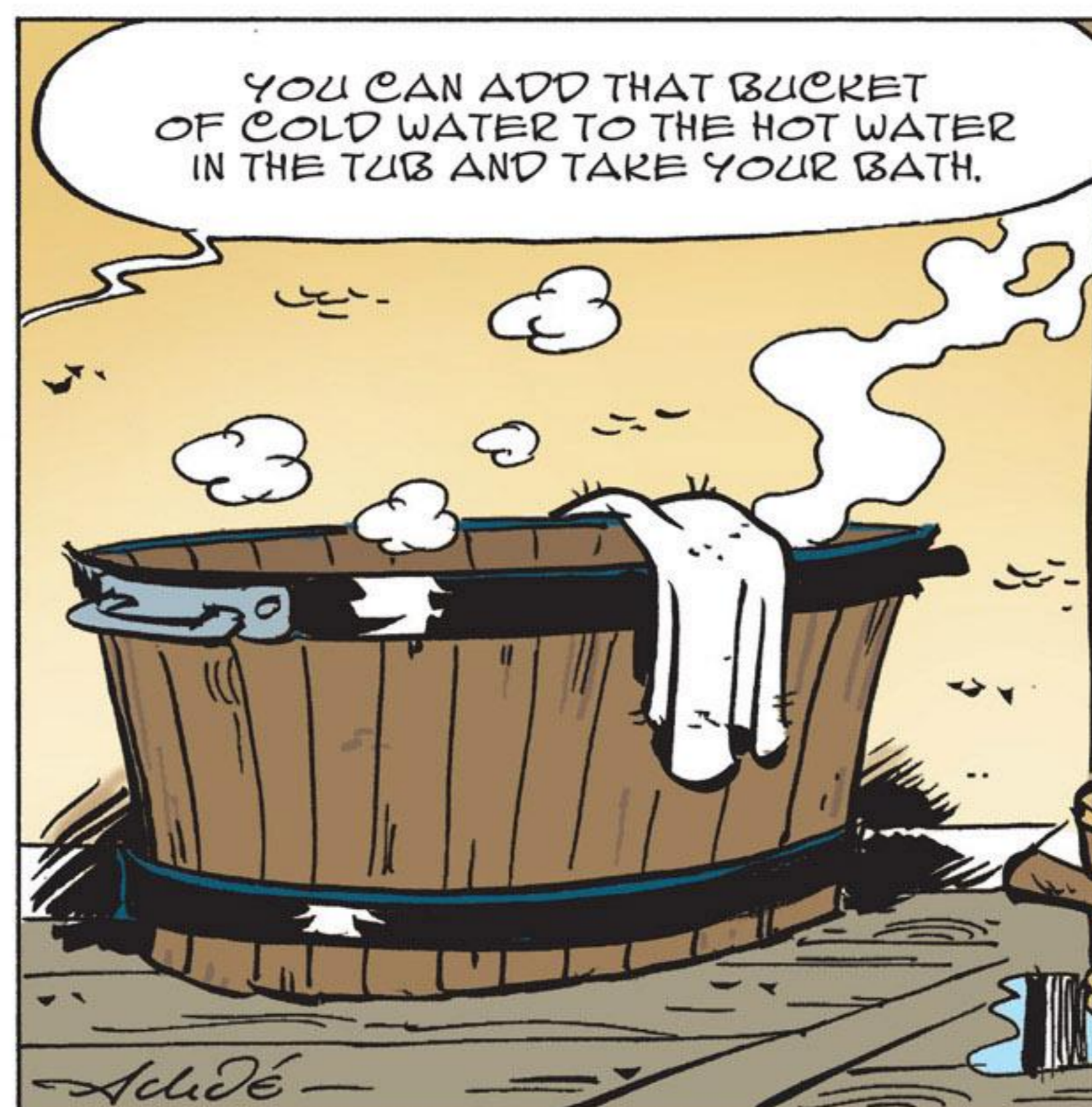
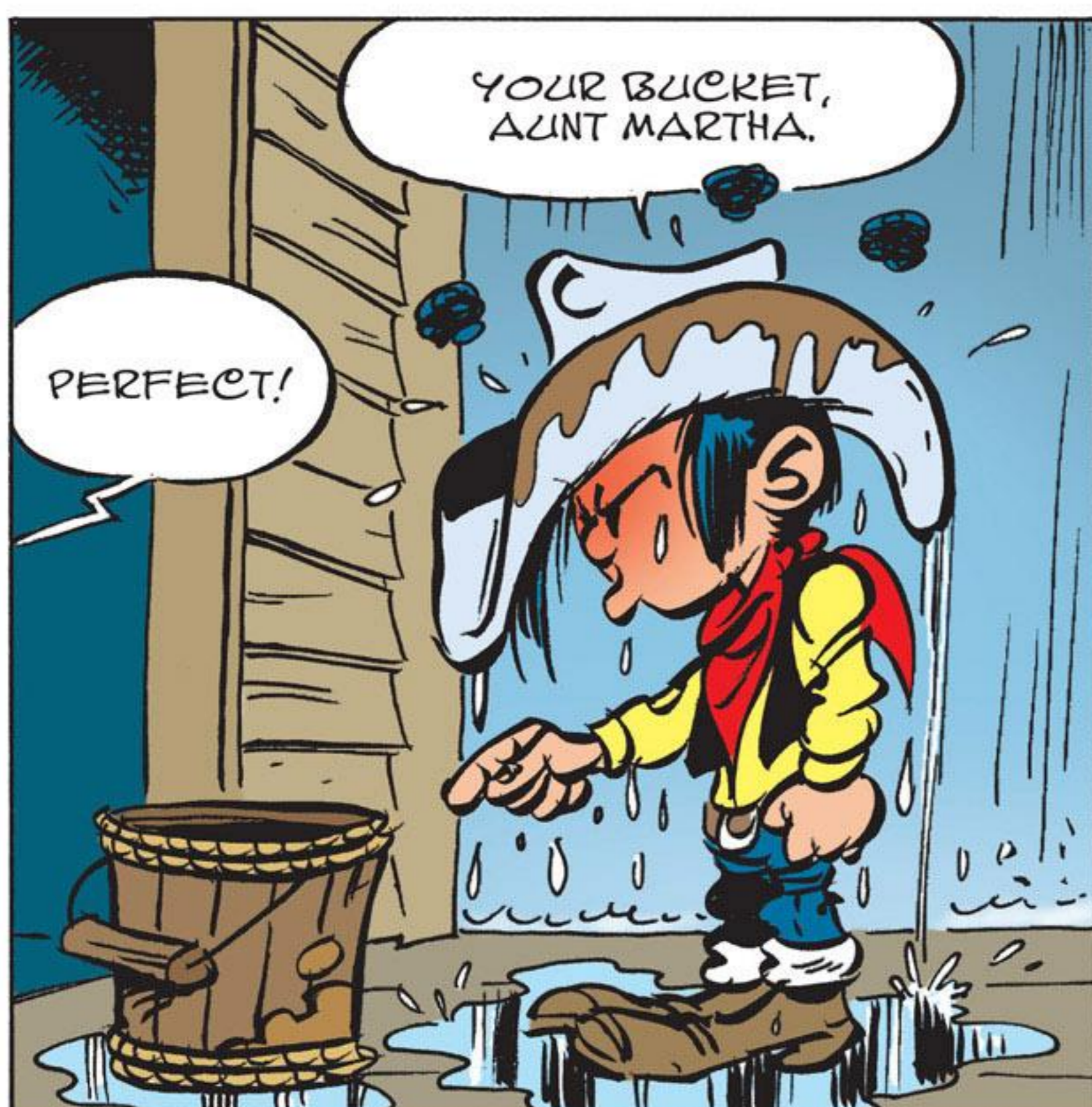
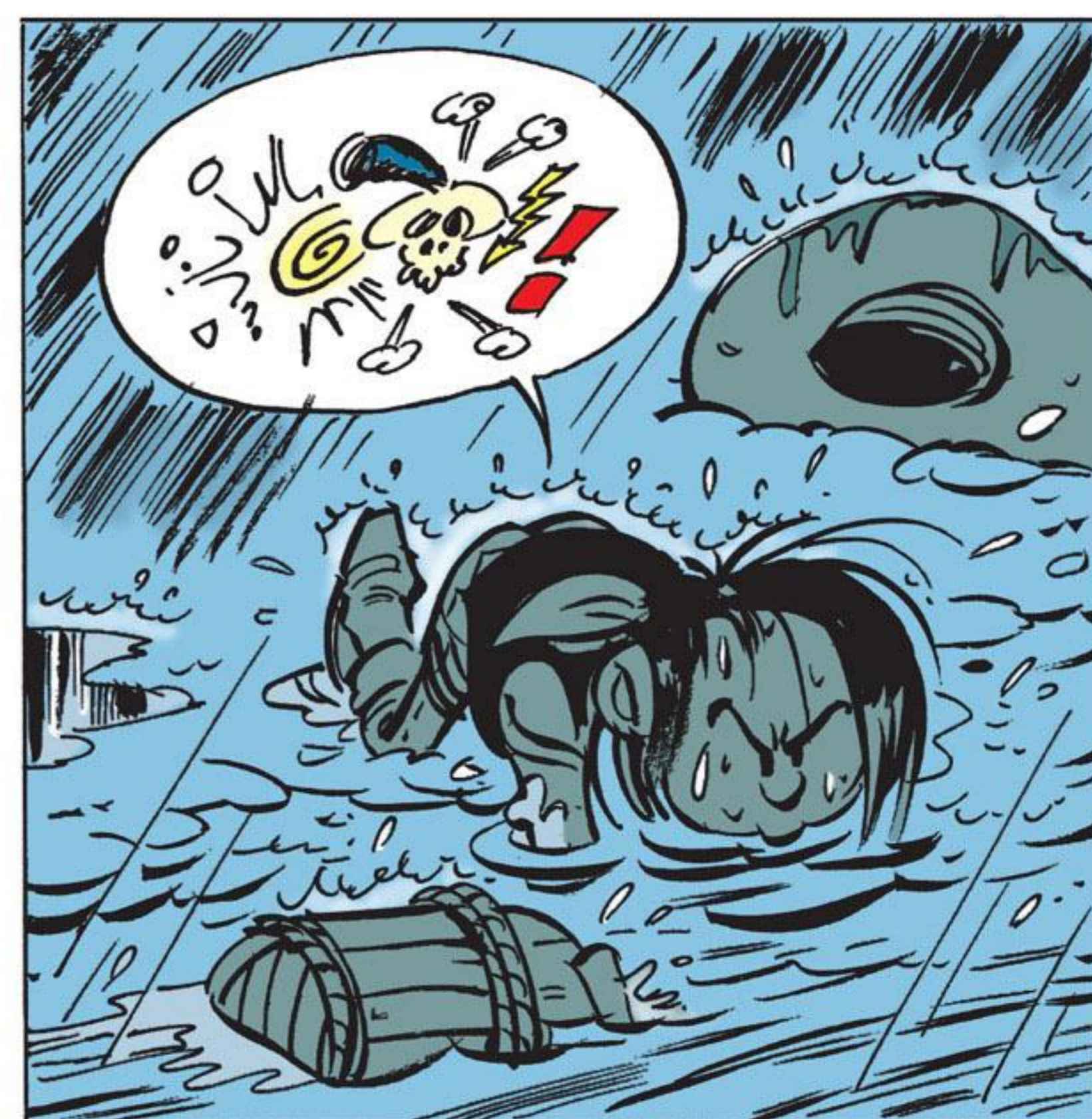
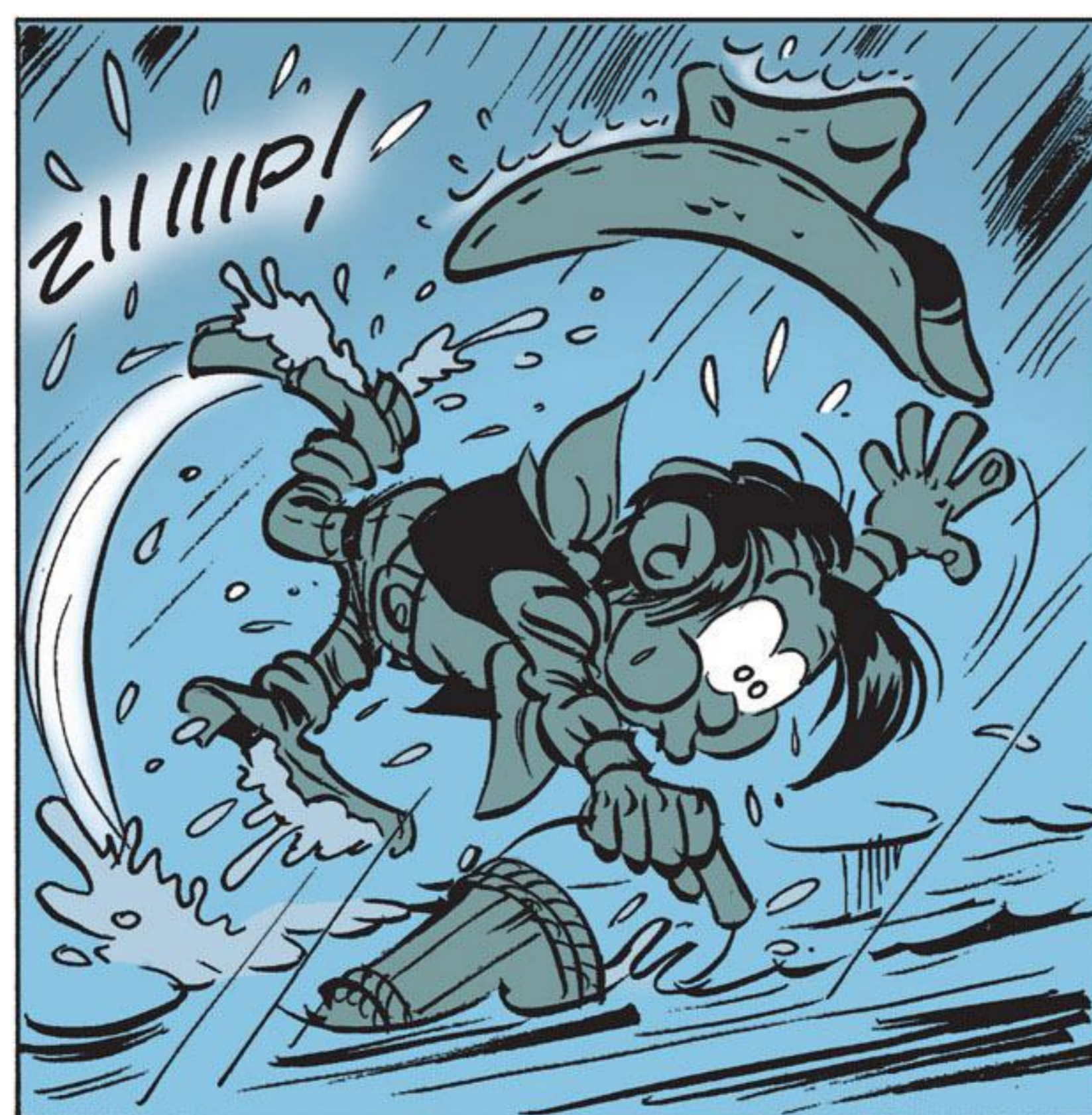
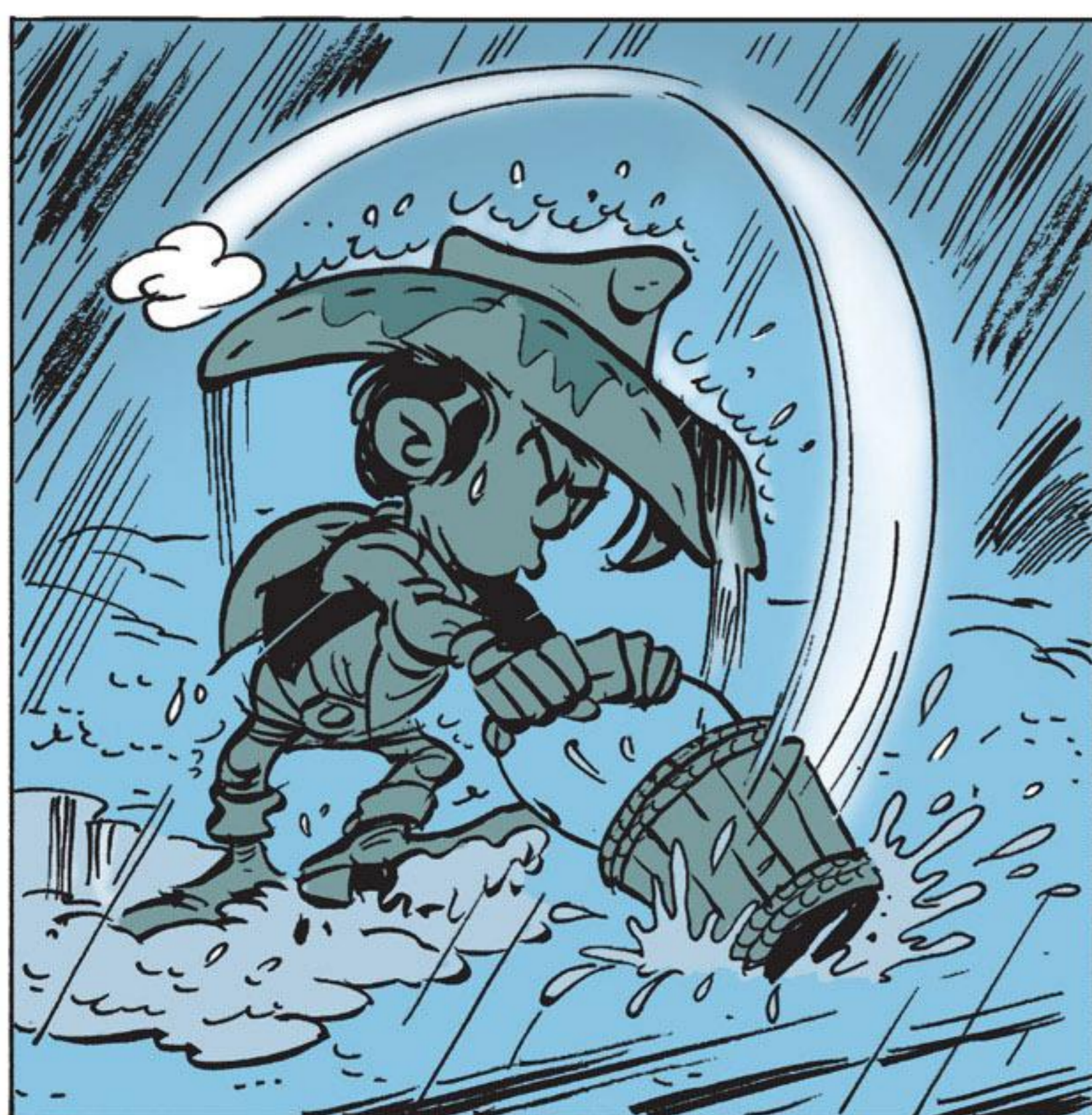
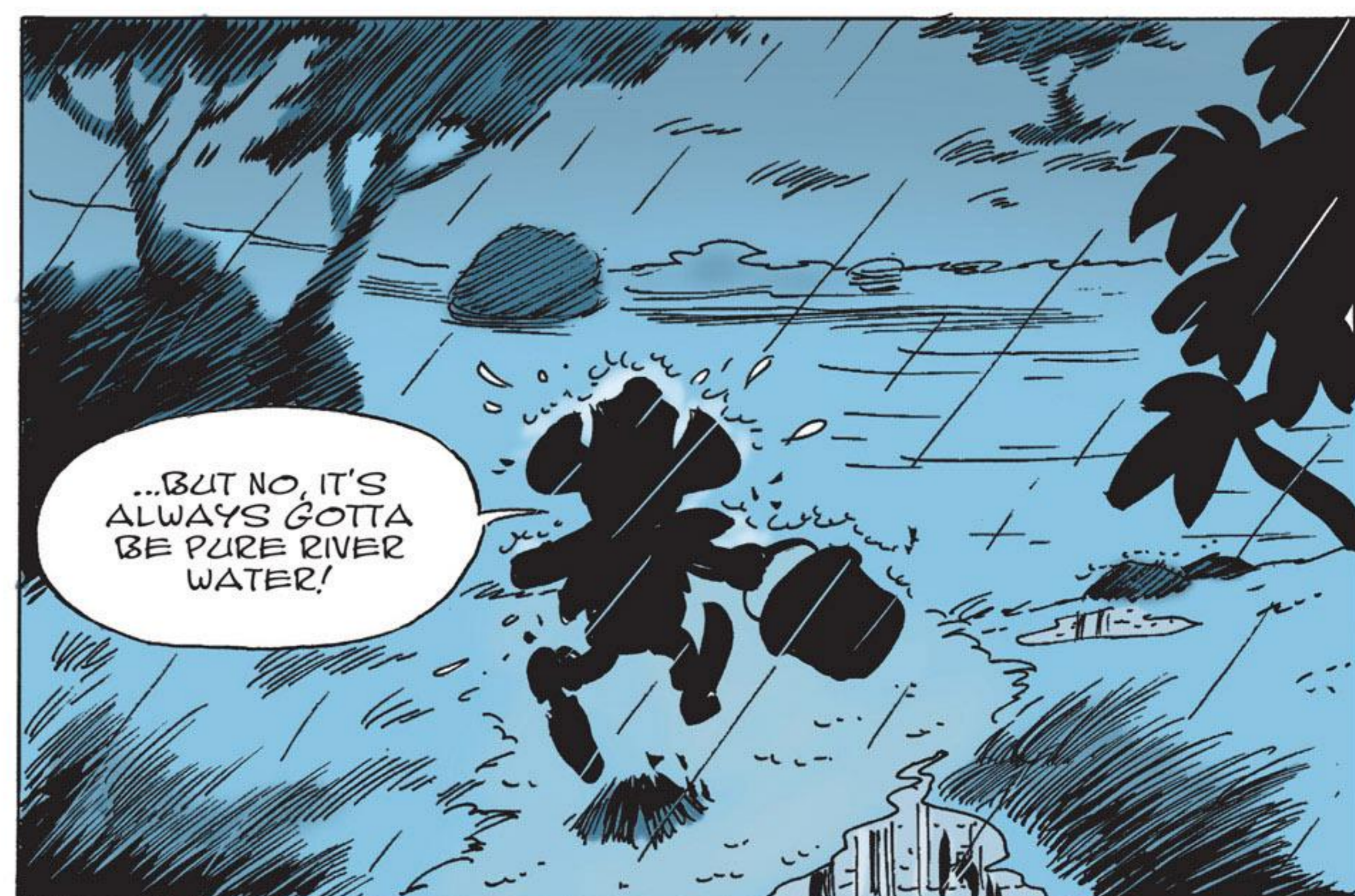
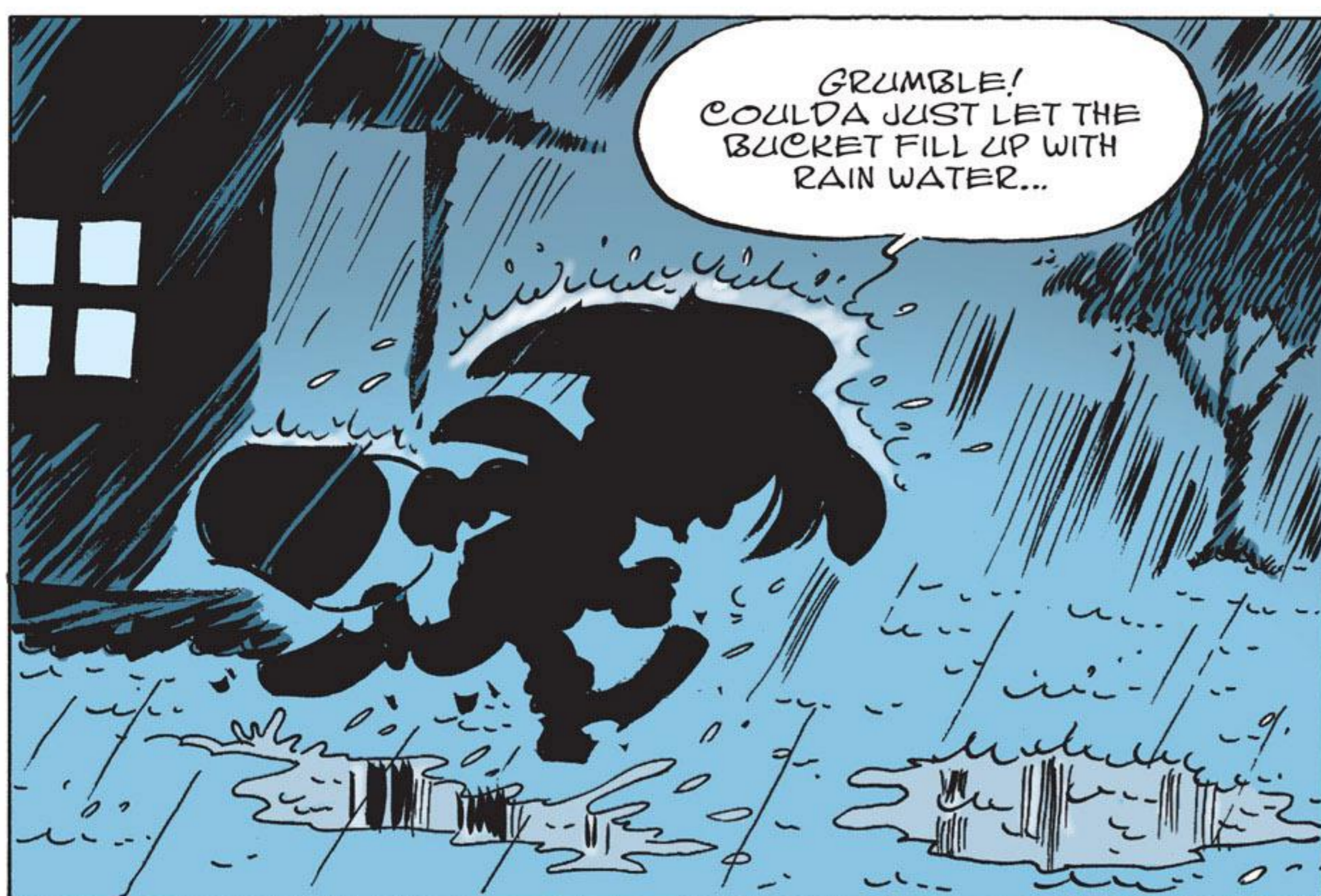
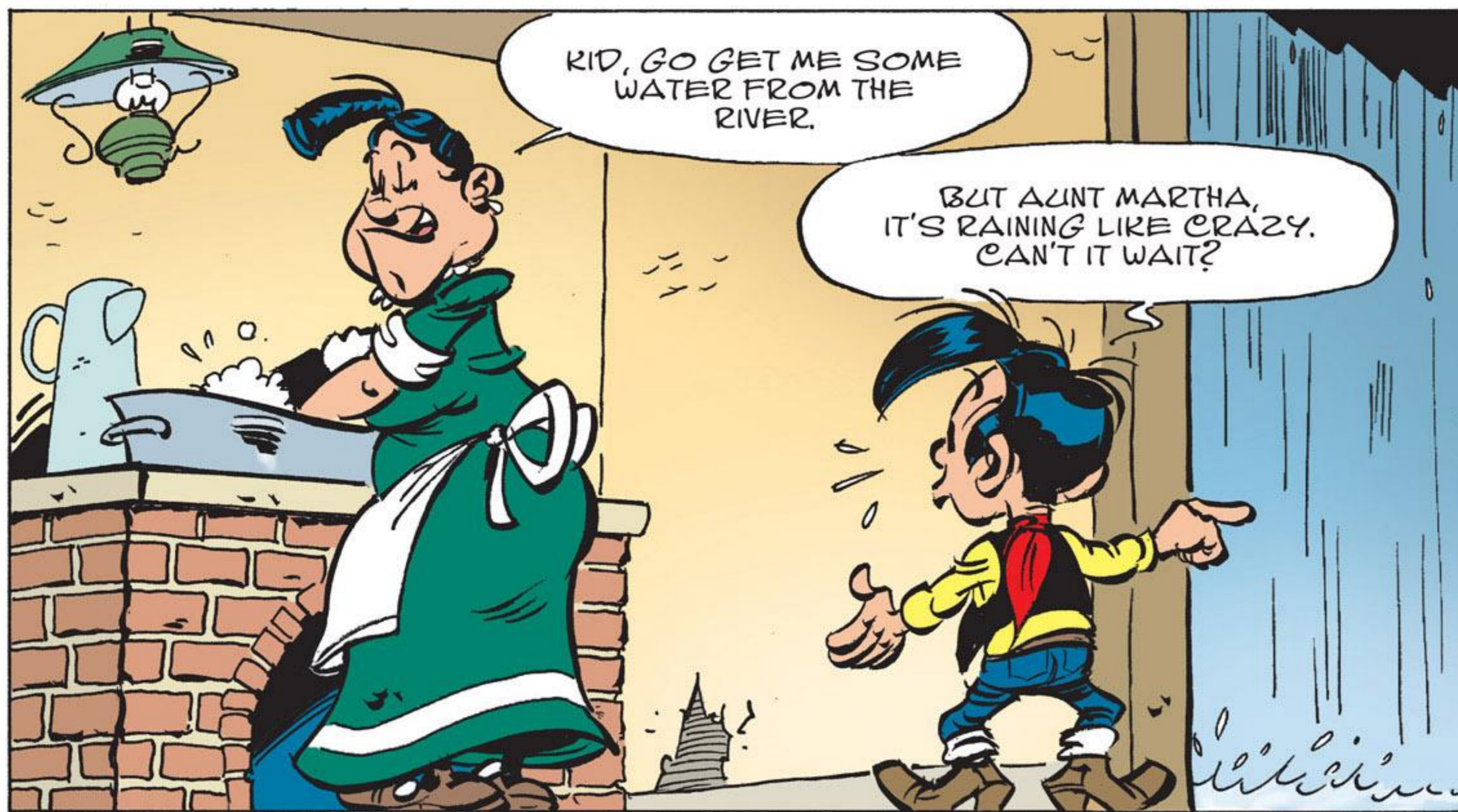
Would you believe? Lacrosse may be a French game, but it's also a very violent Native American game. Tribes would sometimes face off for whole days! It made French trappers, the first explorers of the American interior, feel less homesick.



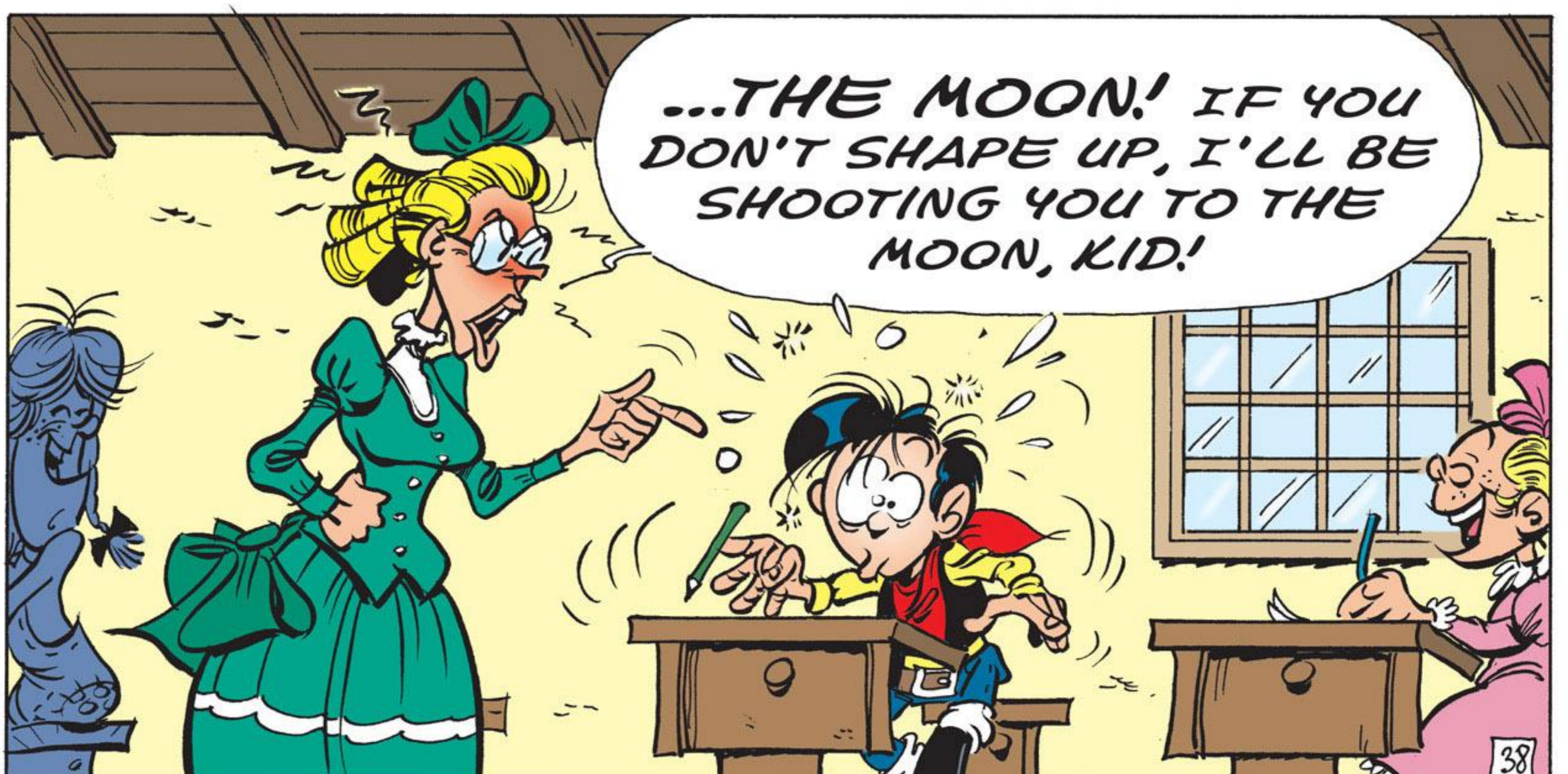
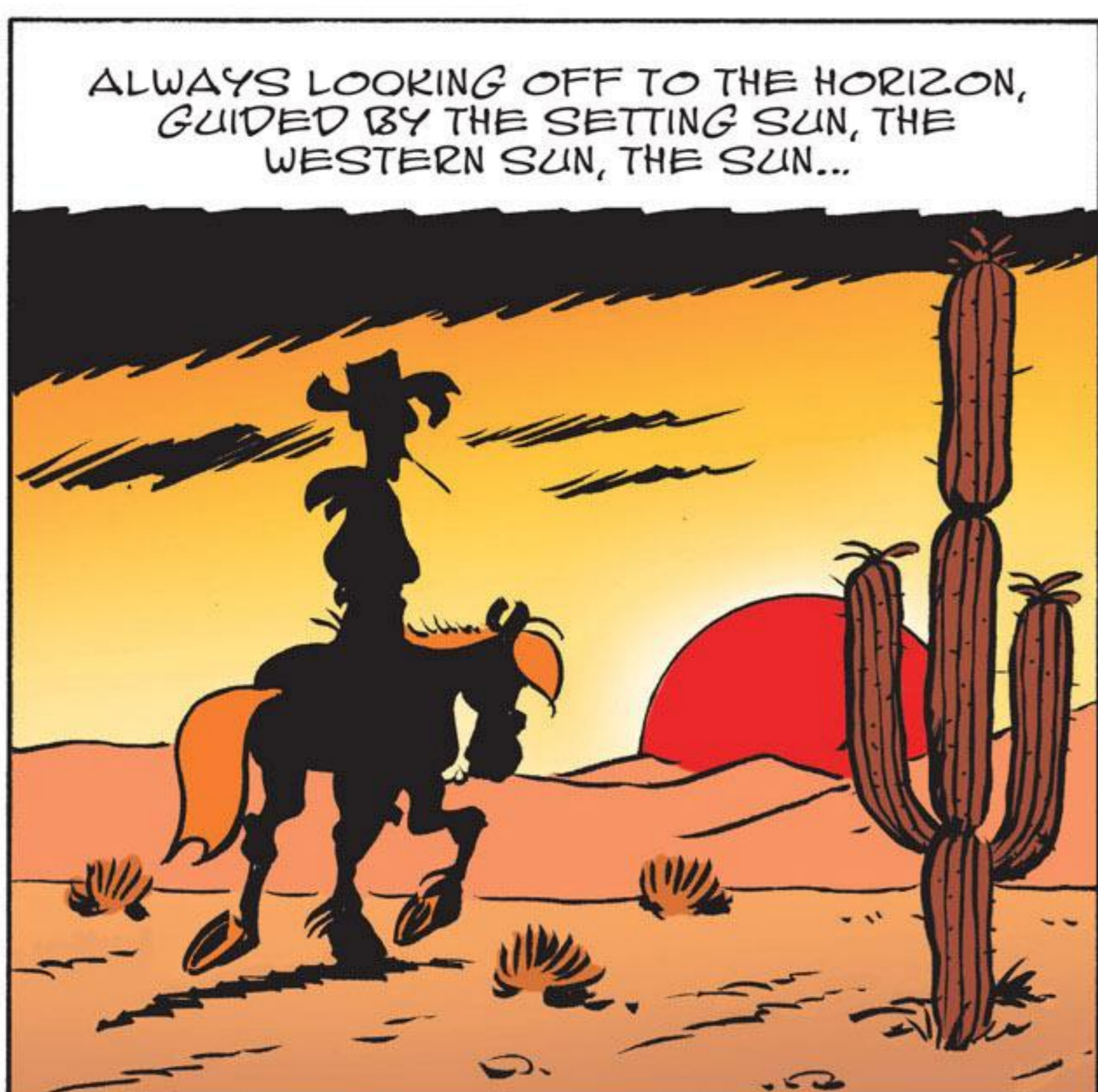
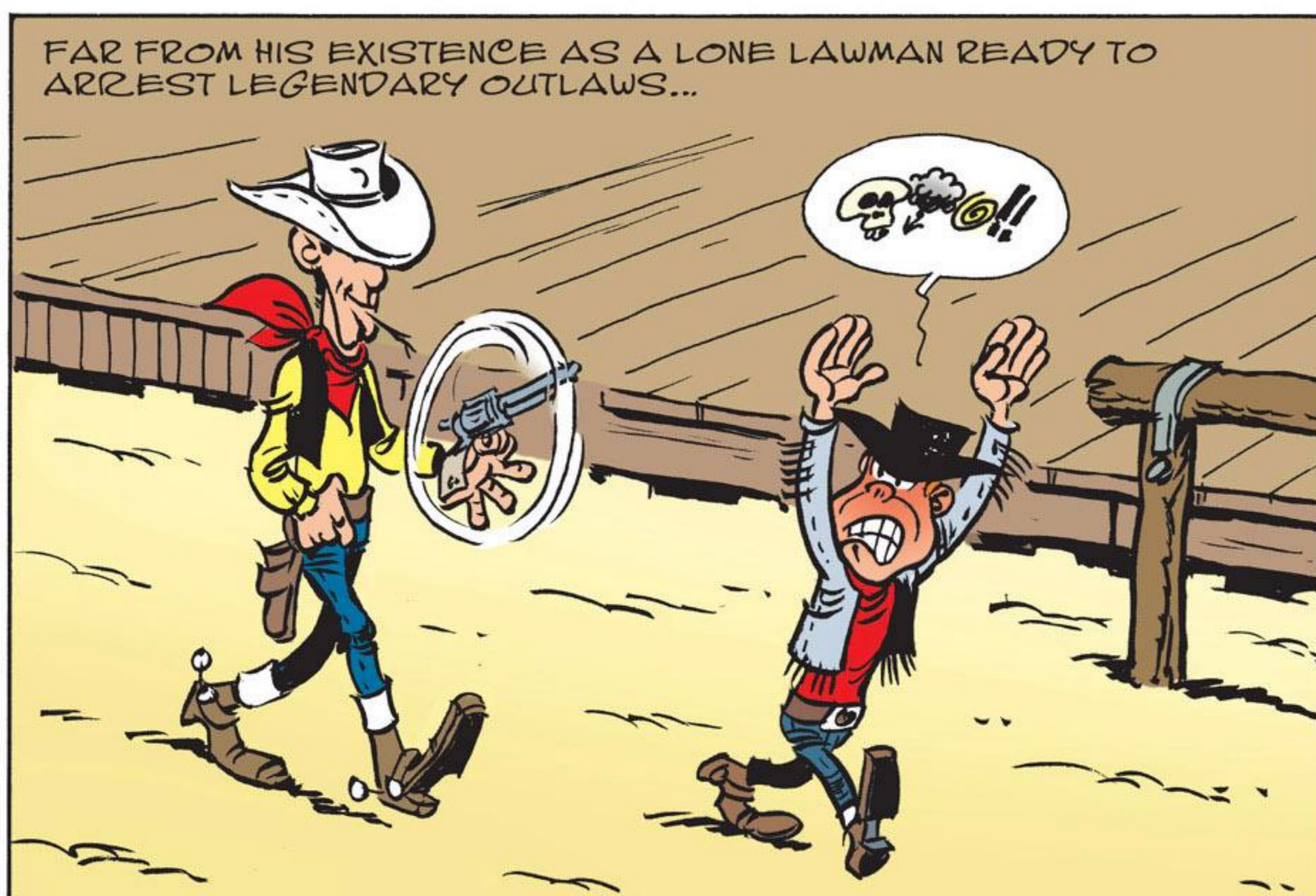
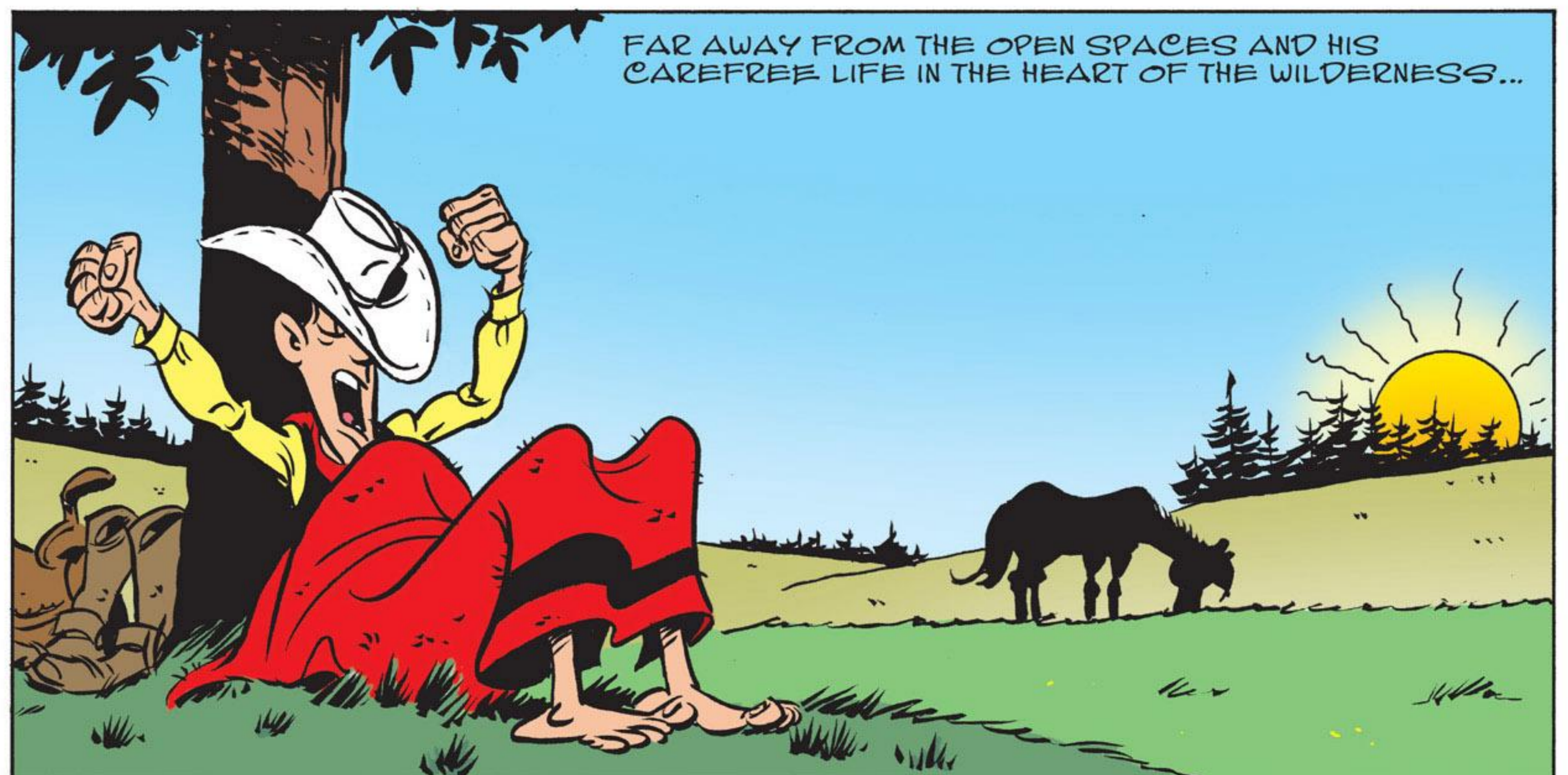
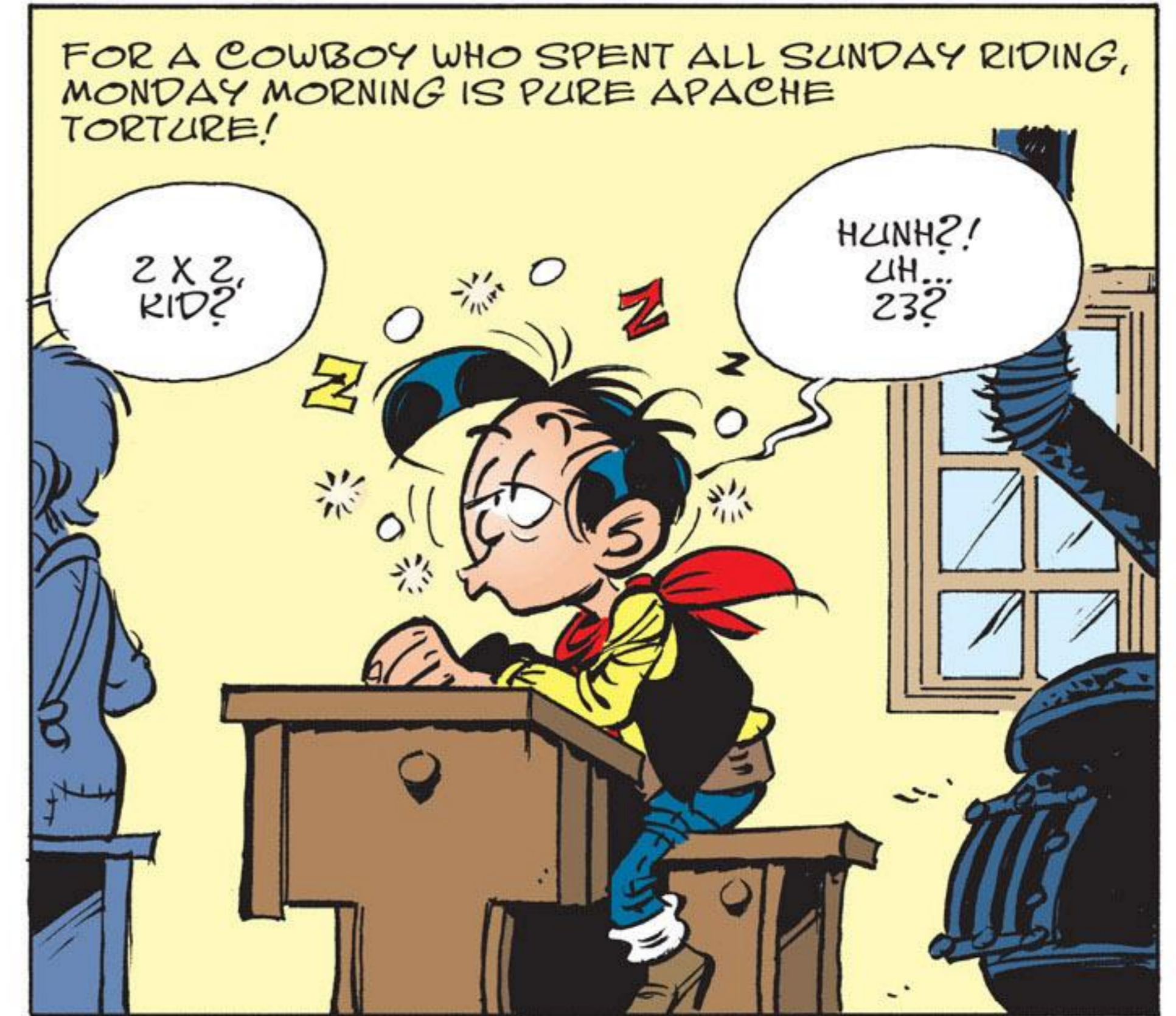
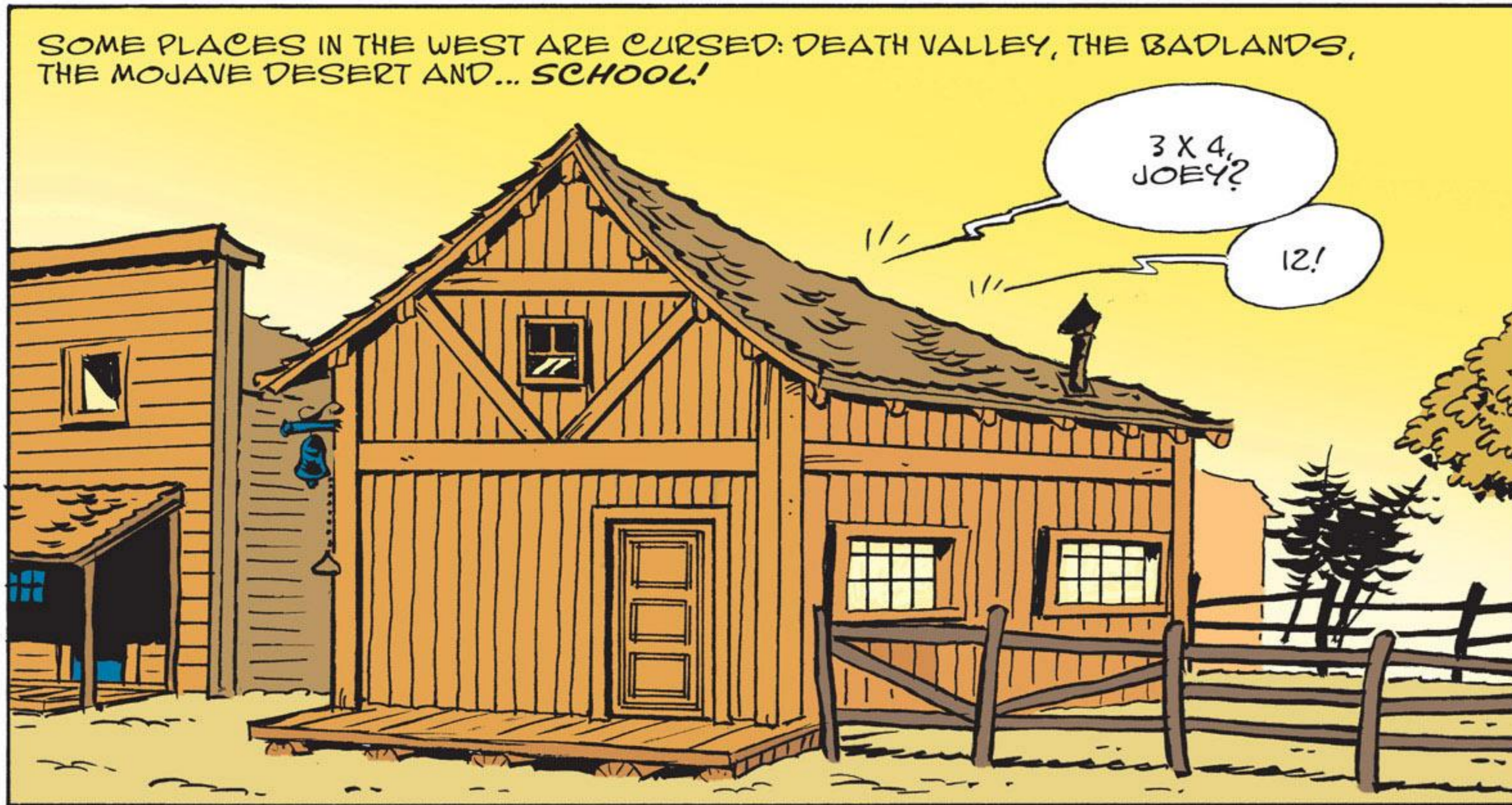
Would you believe? The Apaches had a whole bunch of torture techniques. They didn't joke around back then, but let's not forget that torture wasn't reserved only for white settlers. They didn't show mercy to other tribes either.



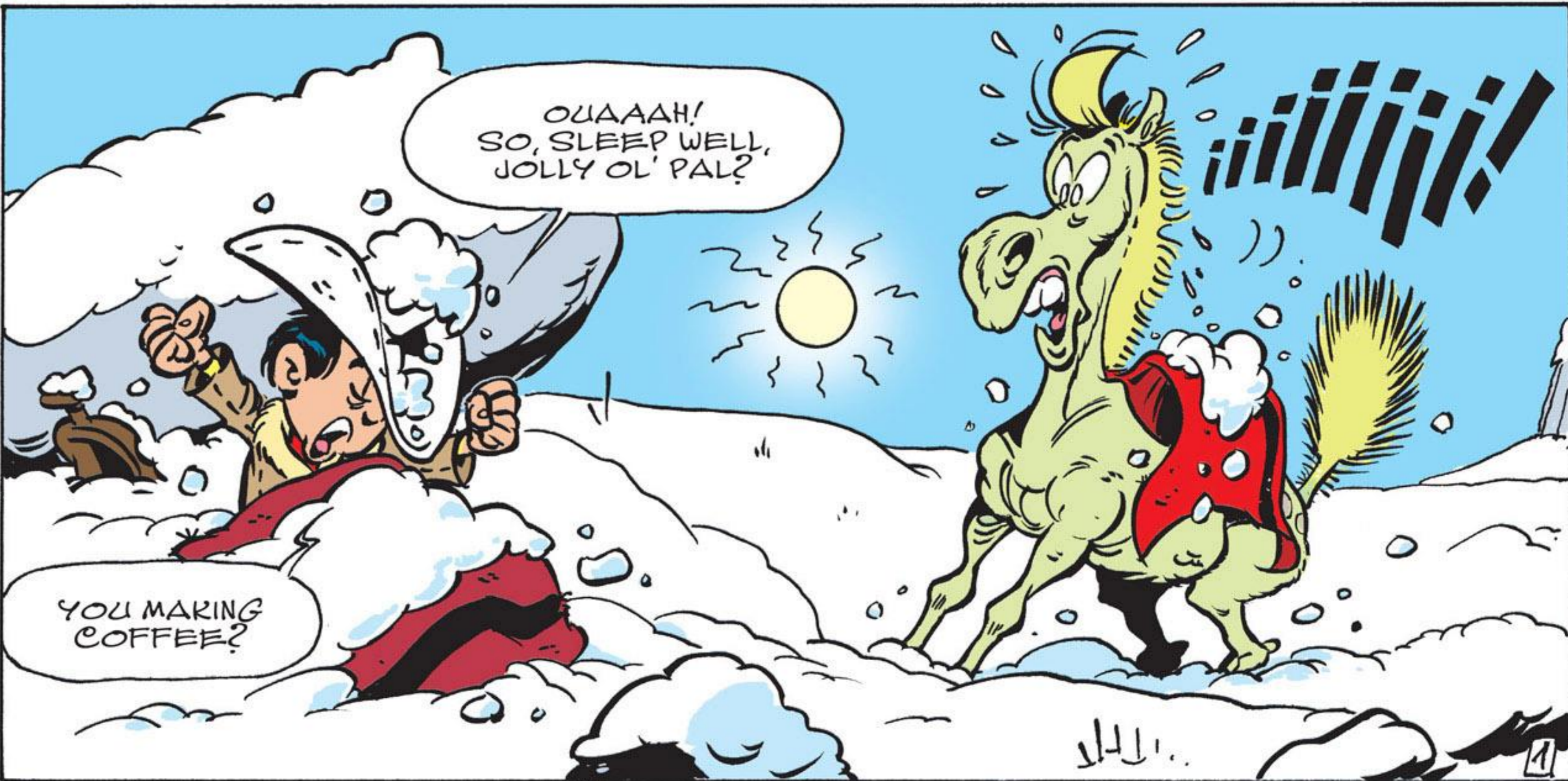
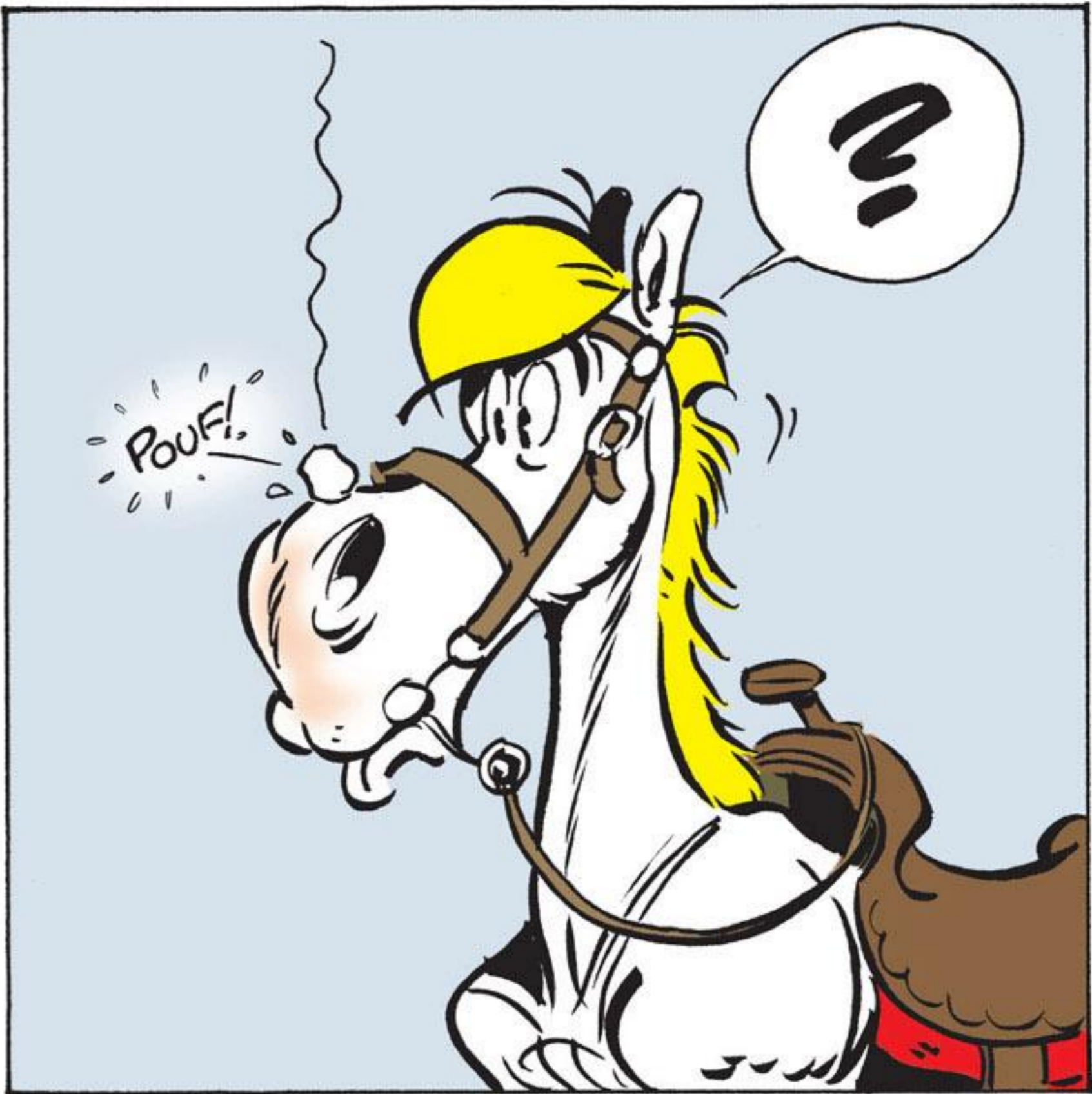
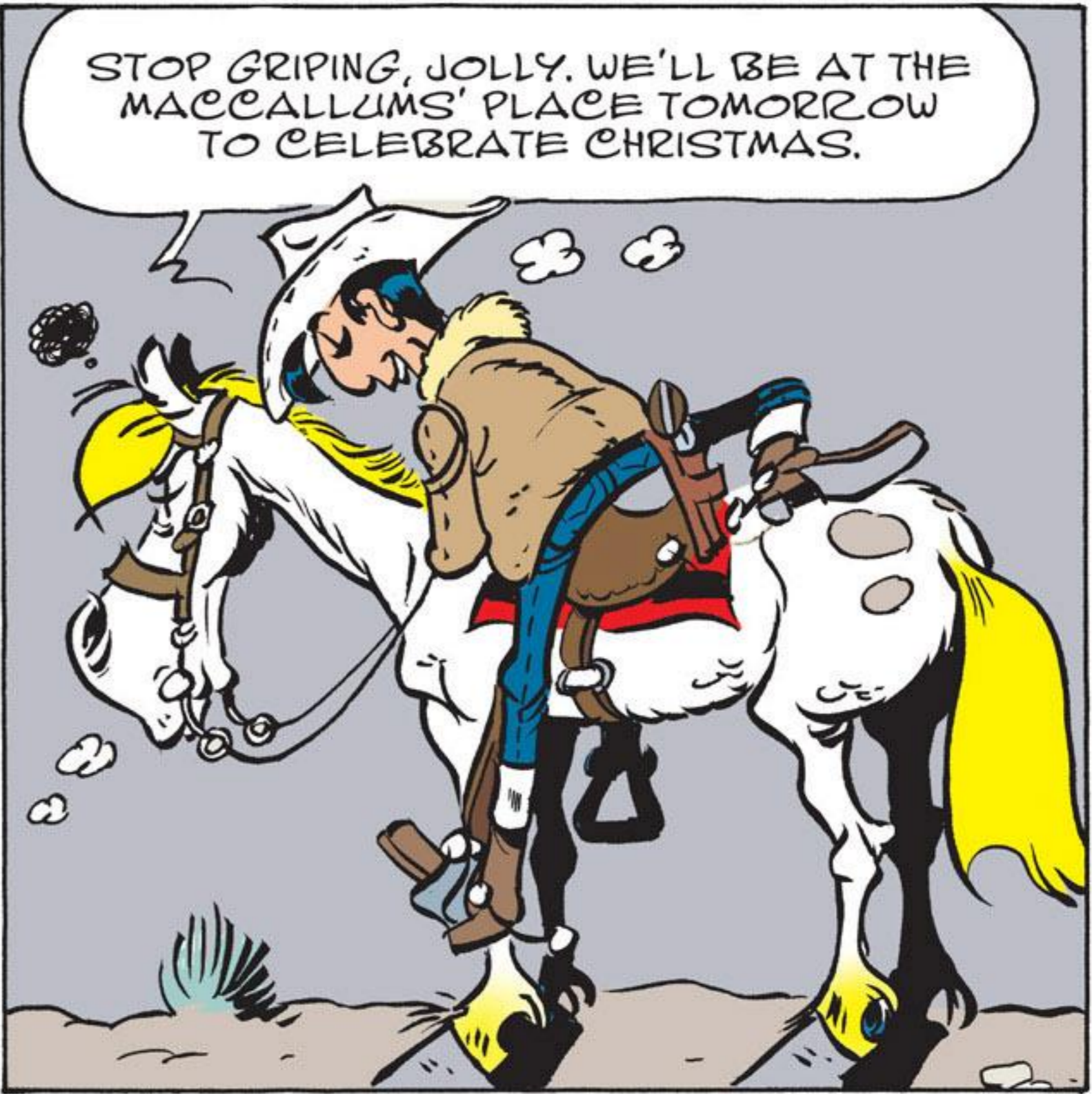
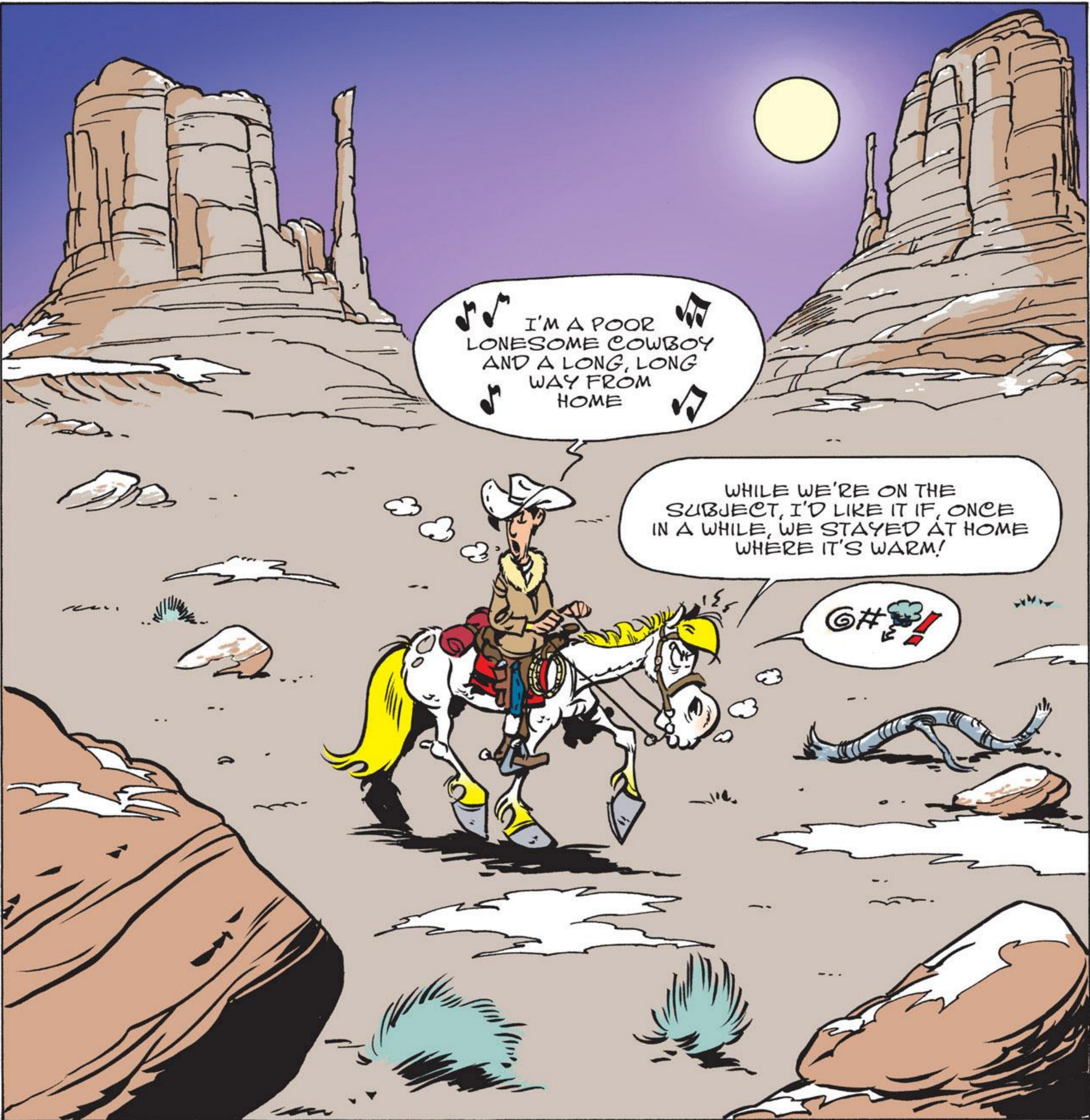
Would you believe? In the West, horses were the equivalent of our cars. All you needed was a pasture and a water source, and off you went. Still, it took a good quarter of an hour to get the horse ready, saddled, and harnessed, just to go run an errand!

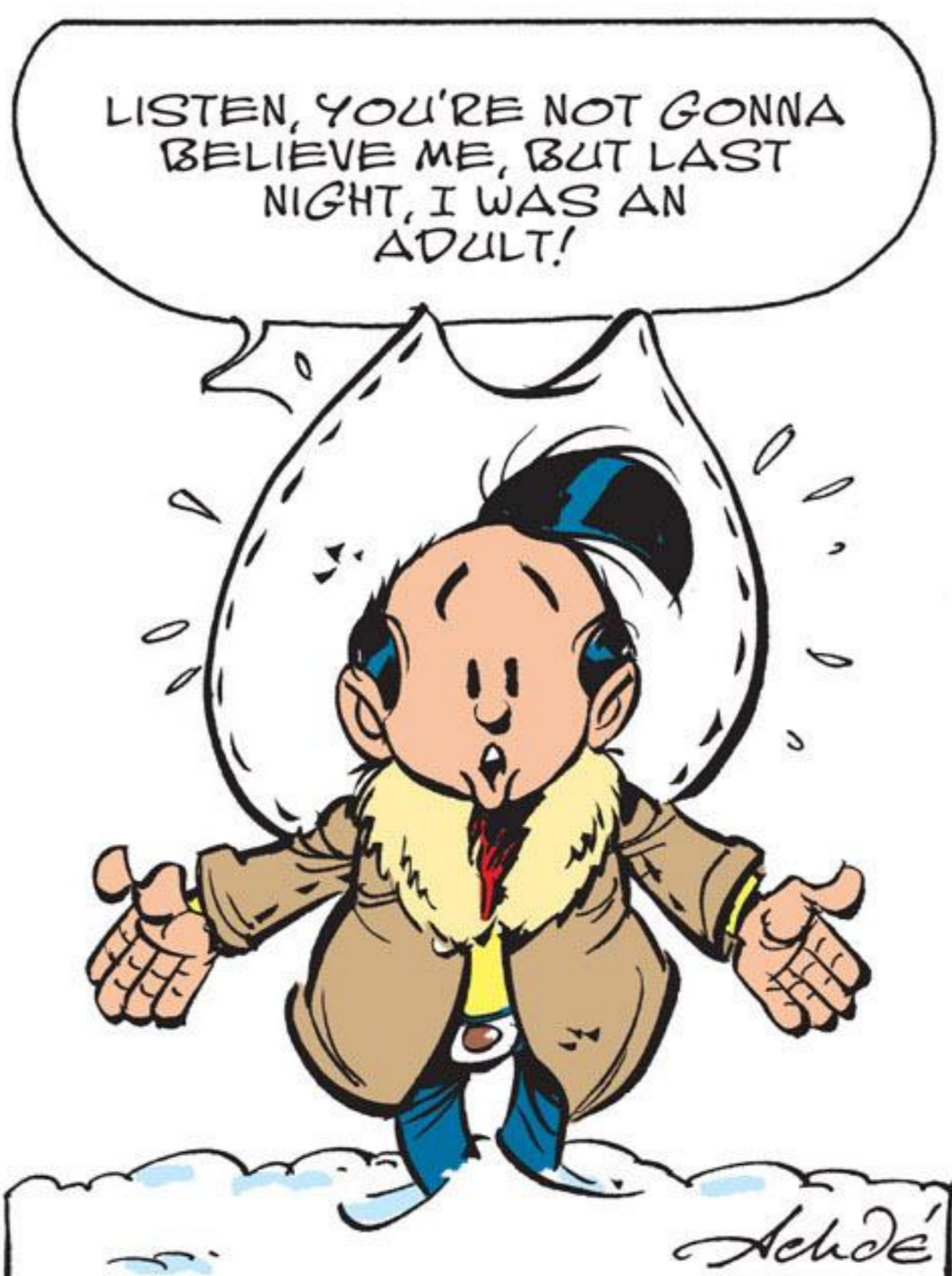
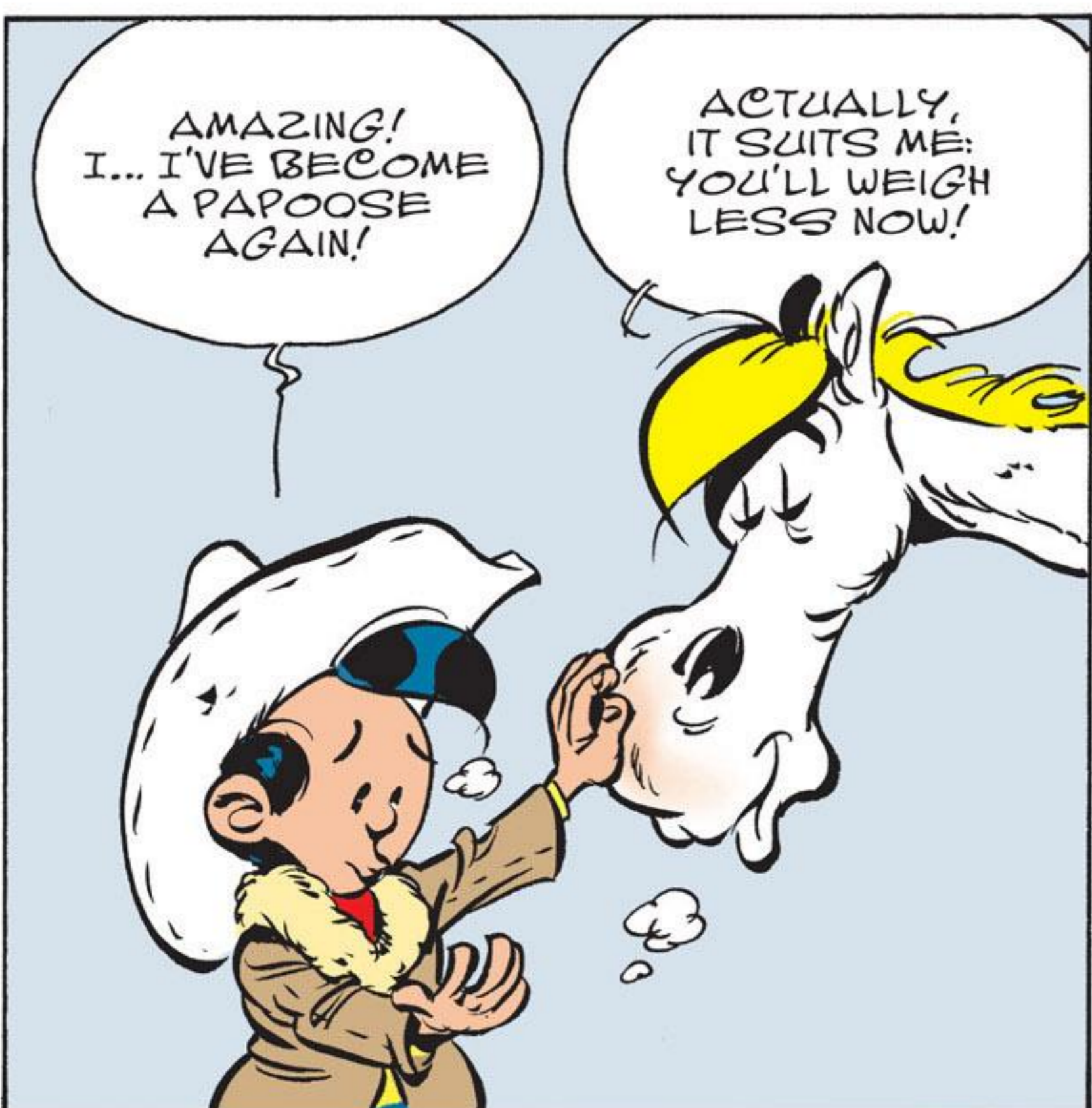
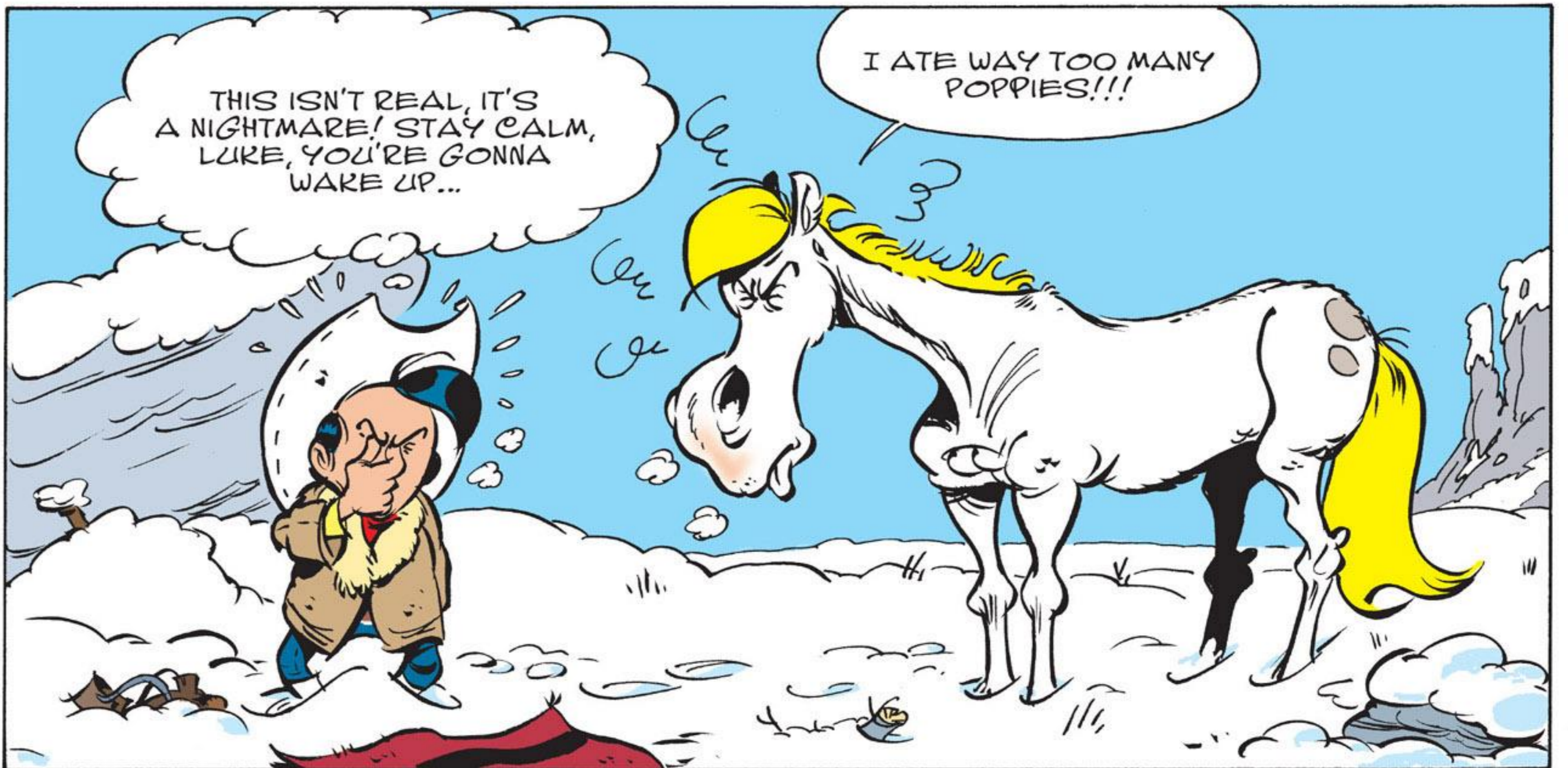
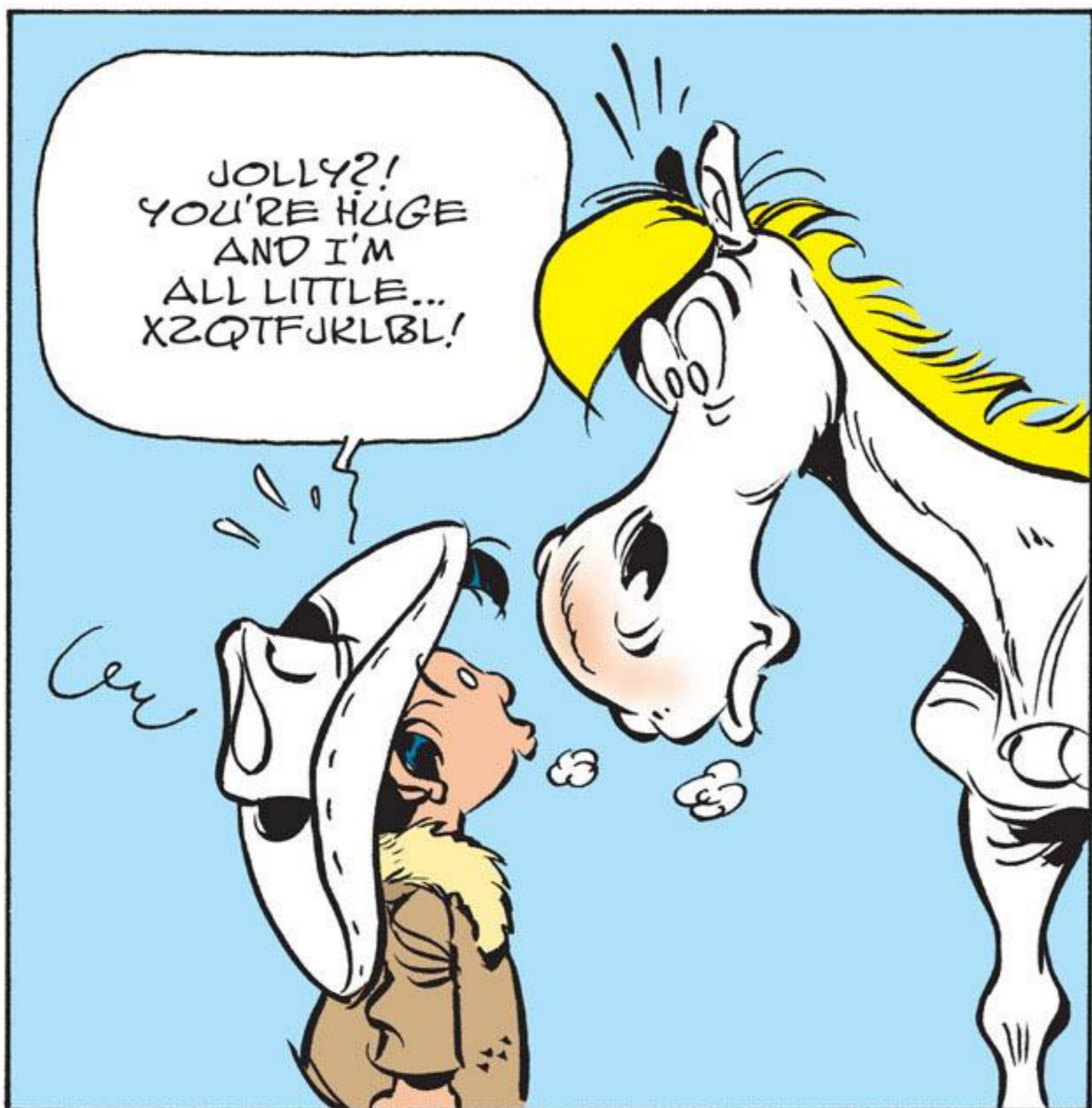
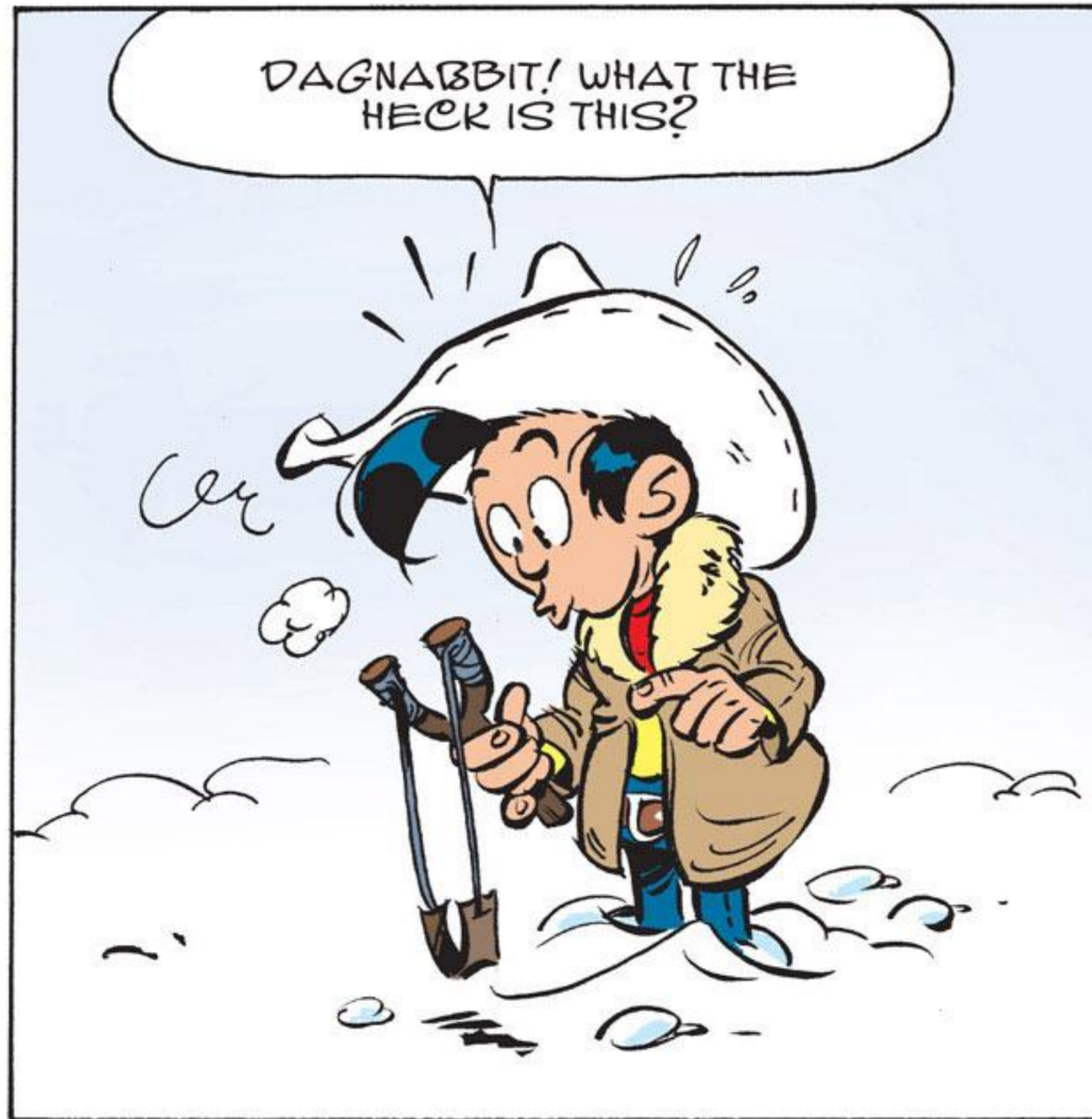


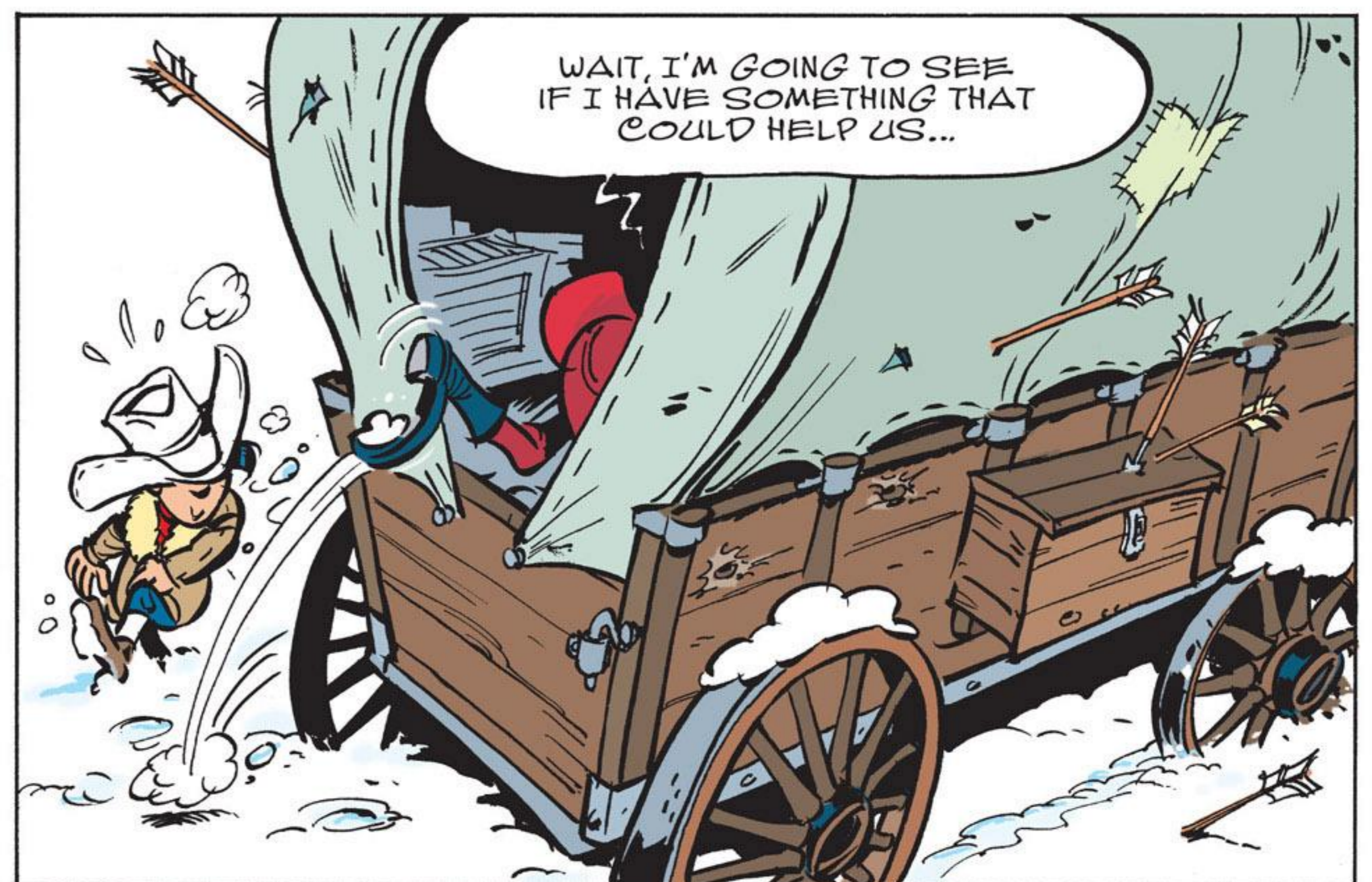
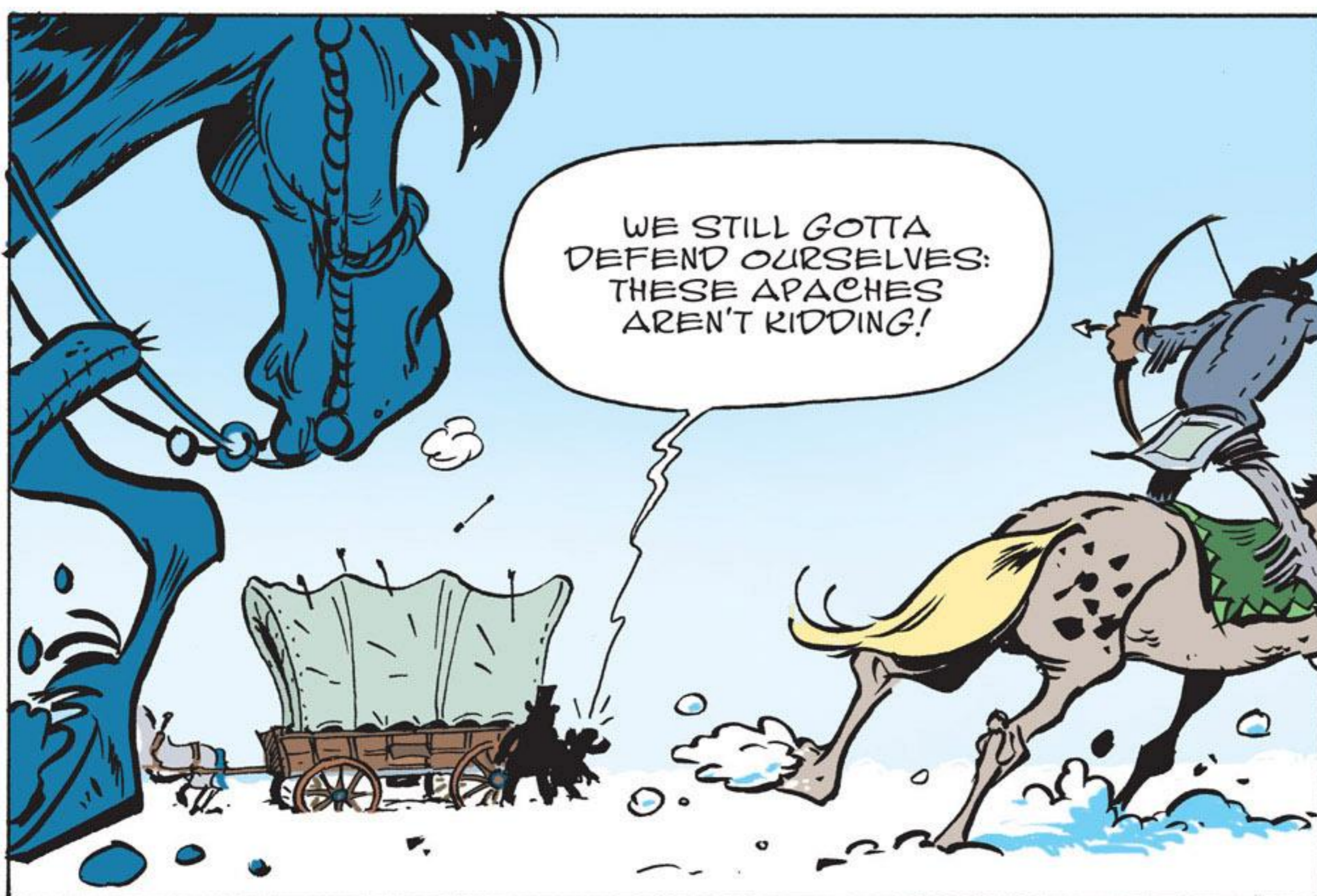
Would you believe? Before building his house in the West, the first thing a settler looked for was water. No water, no house. Back then, tap water was science fiction and a porcelain tub was the stuff of legends!

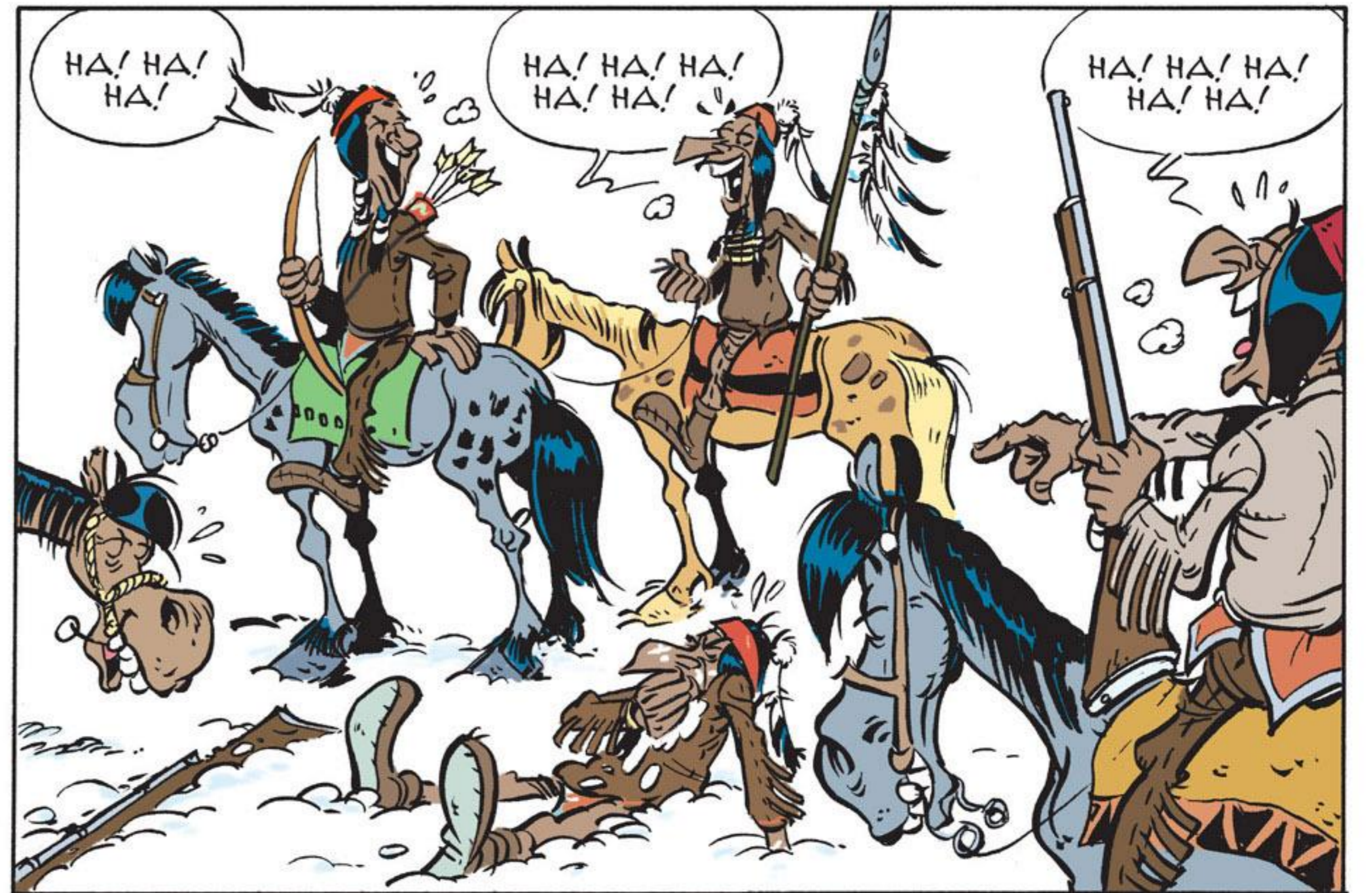
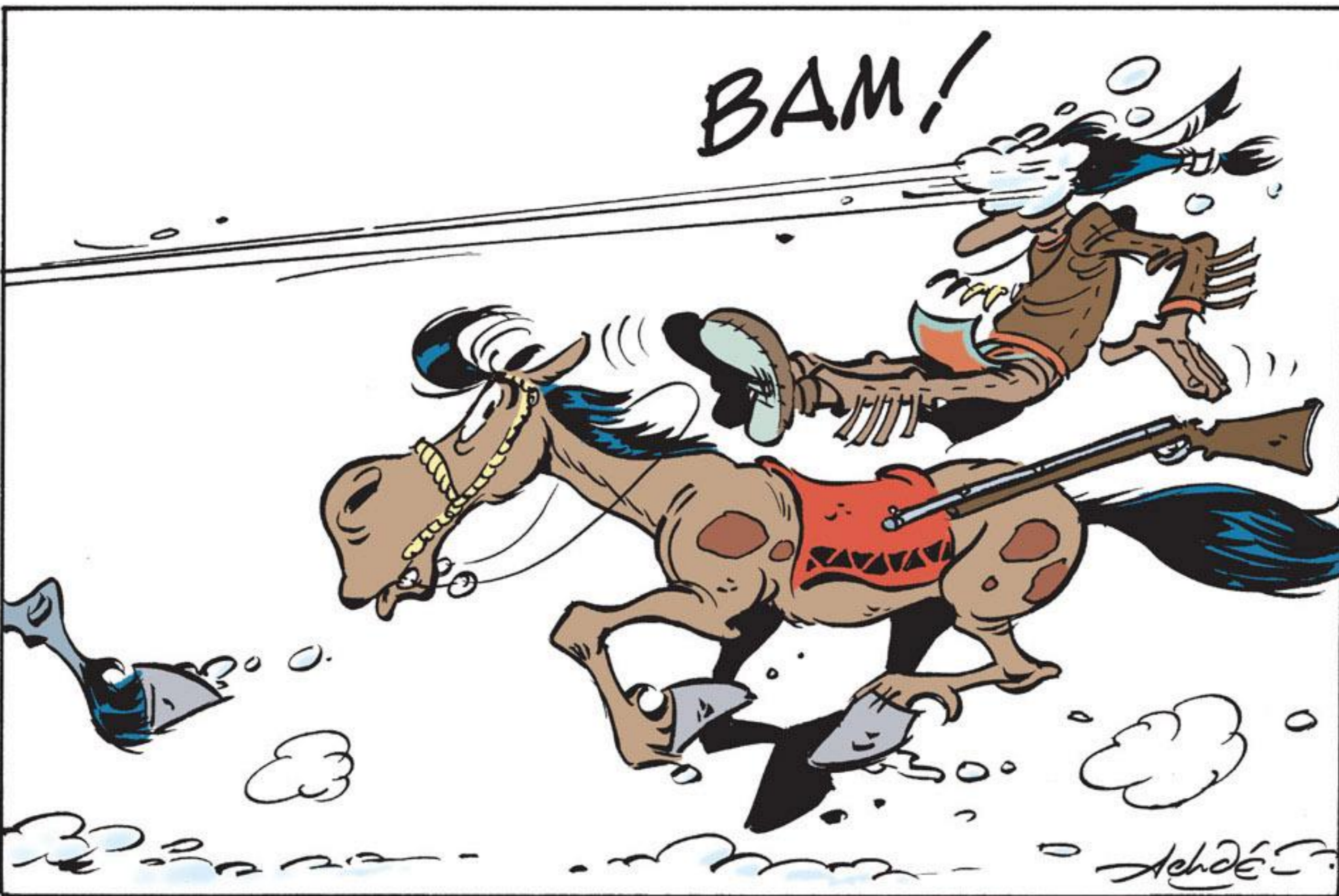
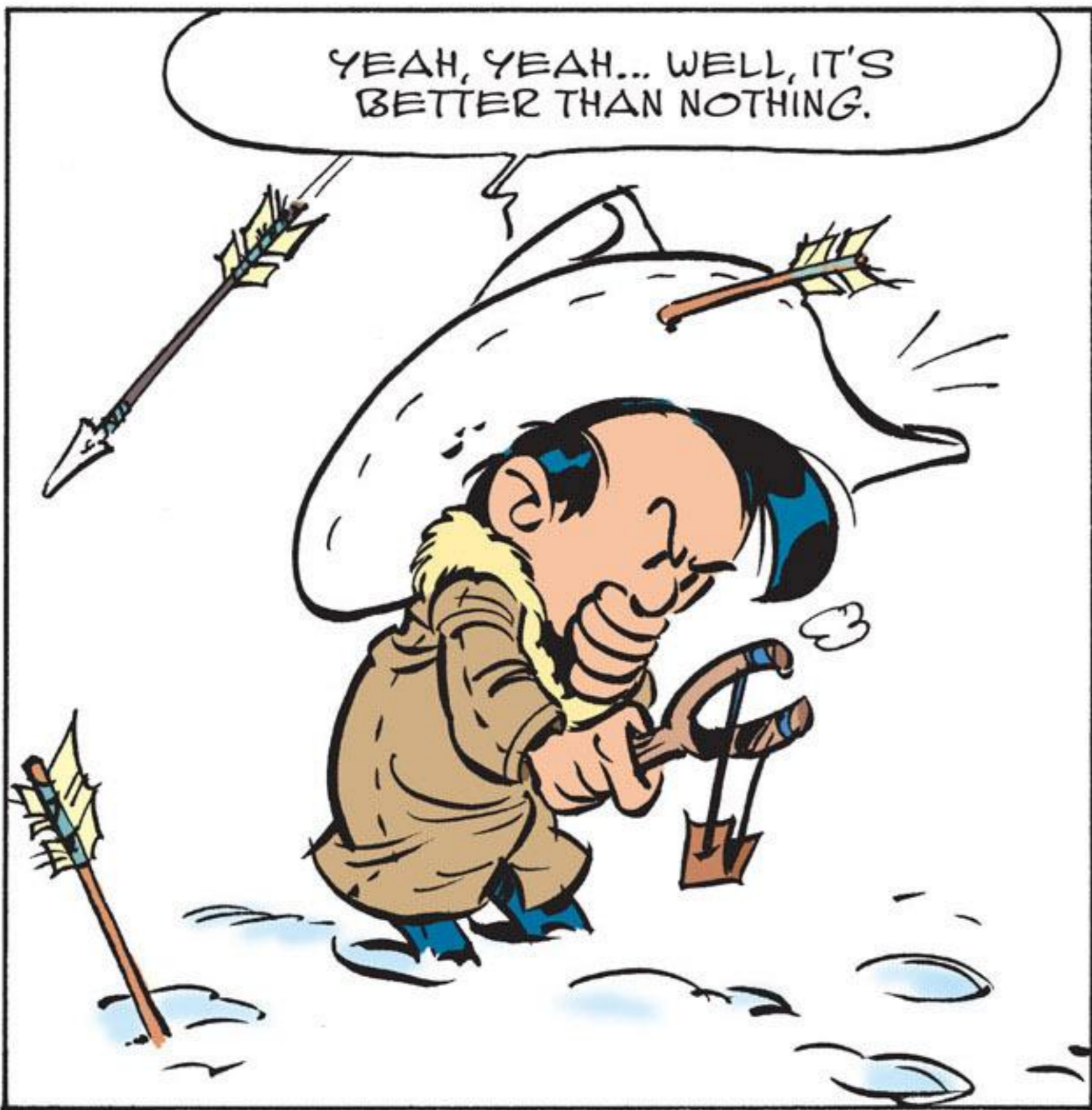
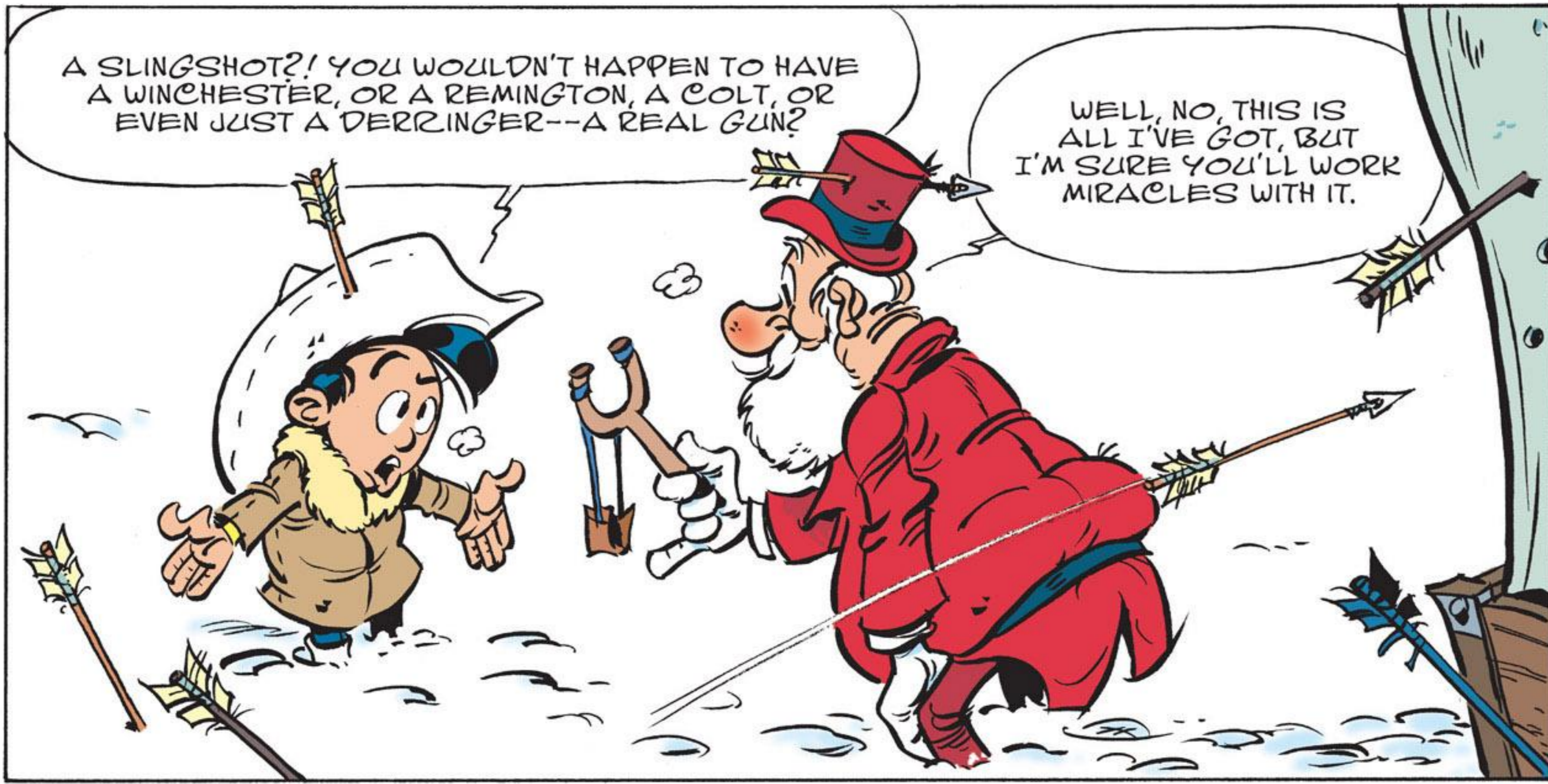


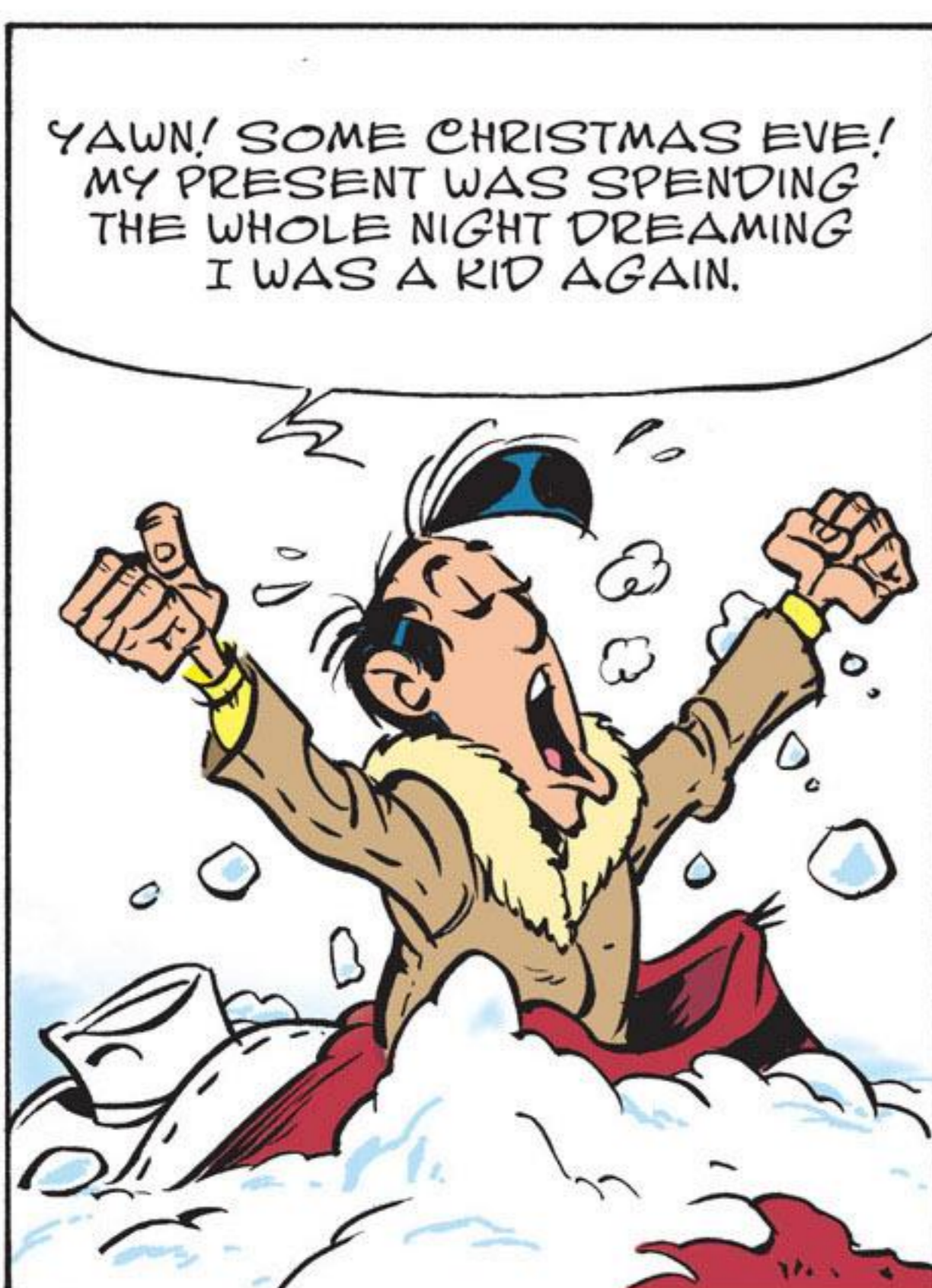
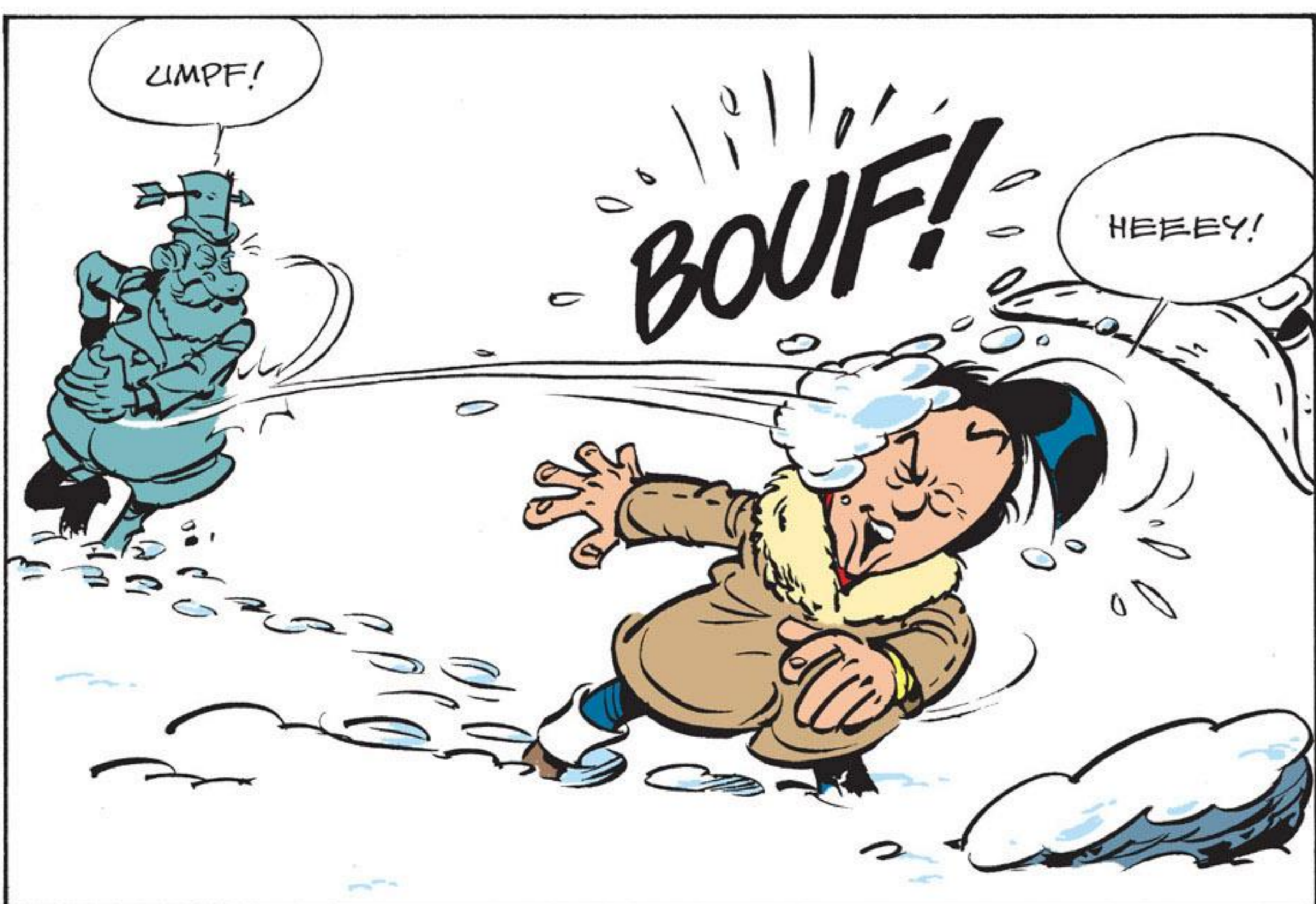
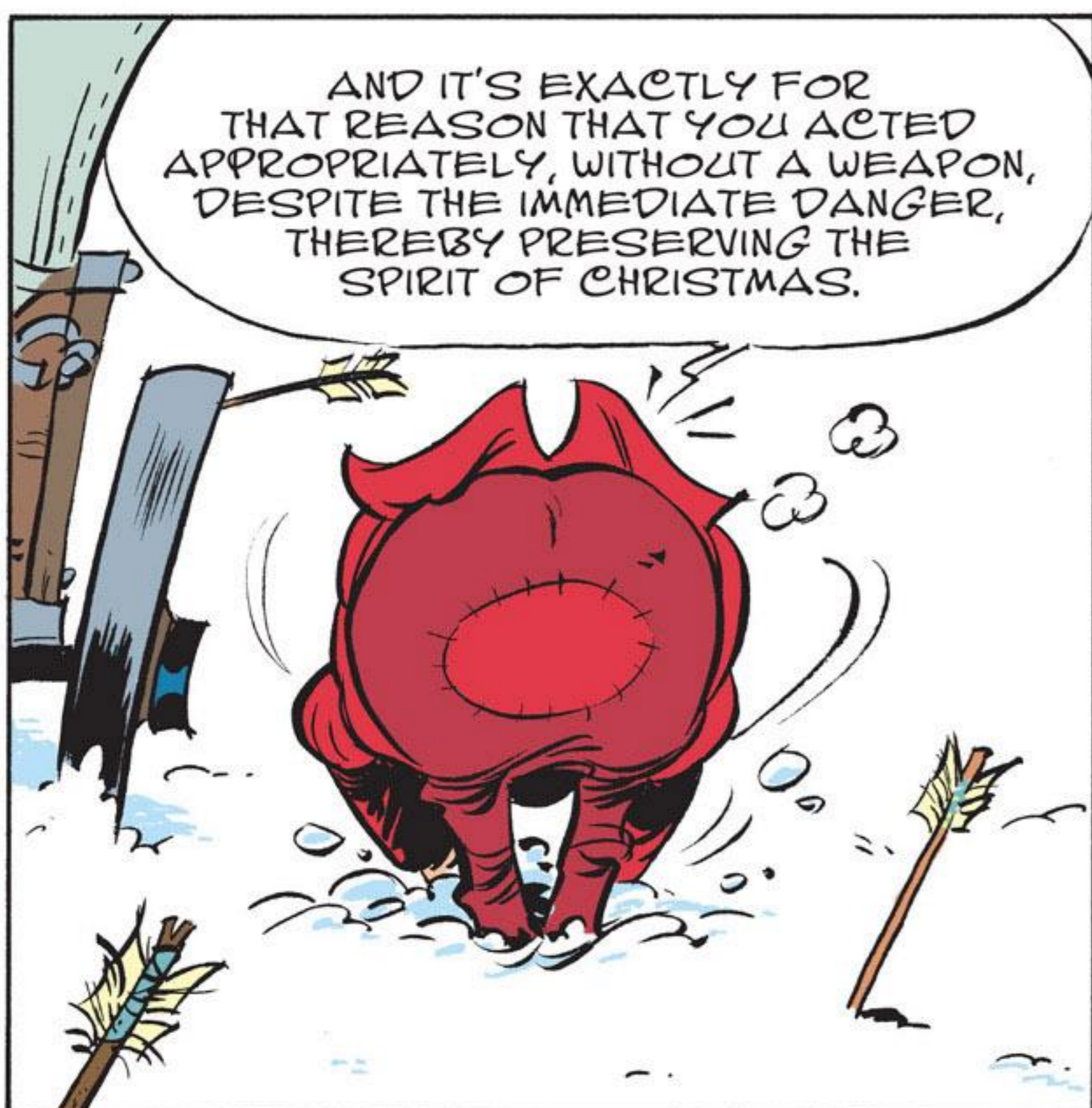
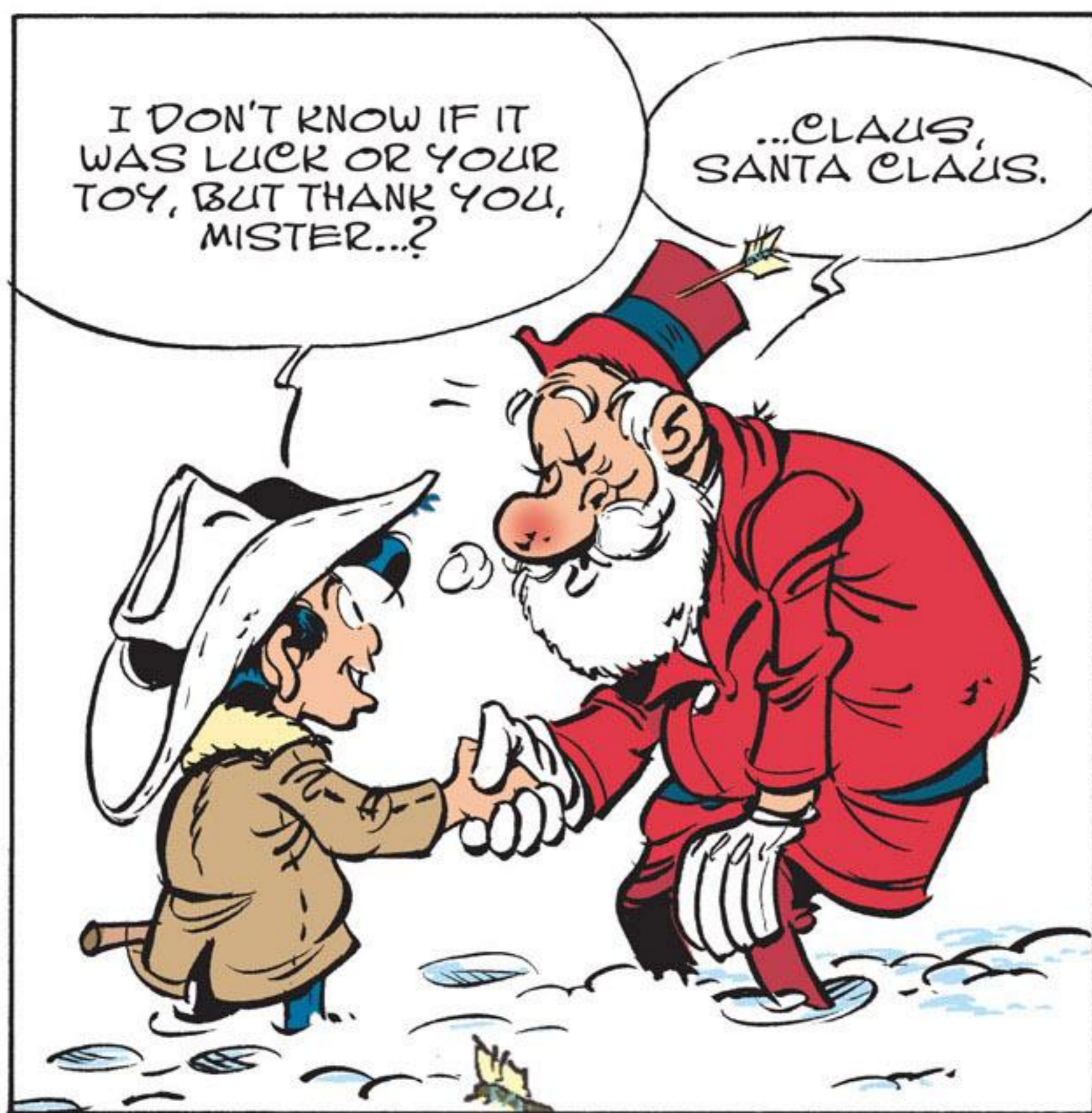
Would you believe? Out West, having a school in town was a sign of civilization. It meant that there were families with children, not just bachelor cowboys living alone with their cows!













Morris, comics prodigy!

The father of Lucky Luke was born in 1923 in Courtrai, Belgium. After starting off in cartoon studios, he created Lucky Luke, his universe, and the series' main characters. Their adventures first appeared in *L'Almanach de Spirou* in 1947. He then spent several years criss-crossing the United States with his friends André Franquin and Joseph Gillain, as well as the stars of the satirical **Mad Magazine**, Kurtzman, Davis, and Wood. During this time *Lucky Luke* was quickly becoming one of the must-reads of French comics thanks to the simple, expressive, and effective illustrations of its creator. Morris's gift for turning a phrase left us with such expressions as "the man who shoots faster than his shadow" and "the ninth art" (i.e. comics).

Ten albums later, he met the great René Goscinny who became his writer for nearly 40 volumes. Several more were to follow. The saga of the lone cowboy, as imagined by Morris, now comprises nearly 90 volumes. From boyhood he was consumed by a passion for cinema and animation, and he worked closely on the numerous adaptations of his work.

During production of the last 52 episodes of the cartoon, *The New Adventures of Lucky Luke*, Morris passed away on July 16th, 2001. He will remain one of comics' all-time greats. His characters and universe have become eternal.

It was impossible not to continue the adventures of Lucky Luke, both grown up and little! In *Kid Lucky*, Achdé tells the story of the birth of a legend, the education of a cowboy knee-high to a grasshopper who's always ready to discover the ways of the West, the essentials of proud pioneer life, and, most of all, how to have fun with his friends.

*Caricature of Morris by the artist himself.



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